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(altimetry)

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Multibeam & singlebeam
sounding compilations

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Onshore DEM's

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SRTM15+V2

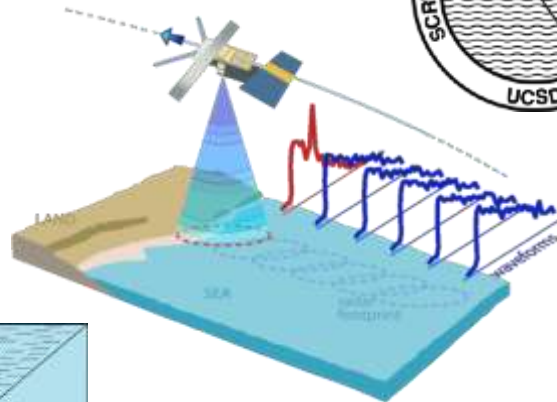
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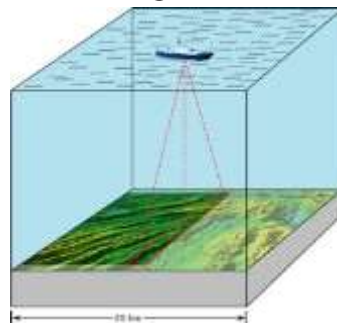
Outline



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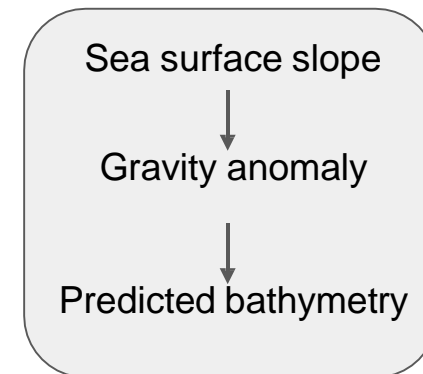
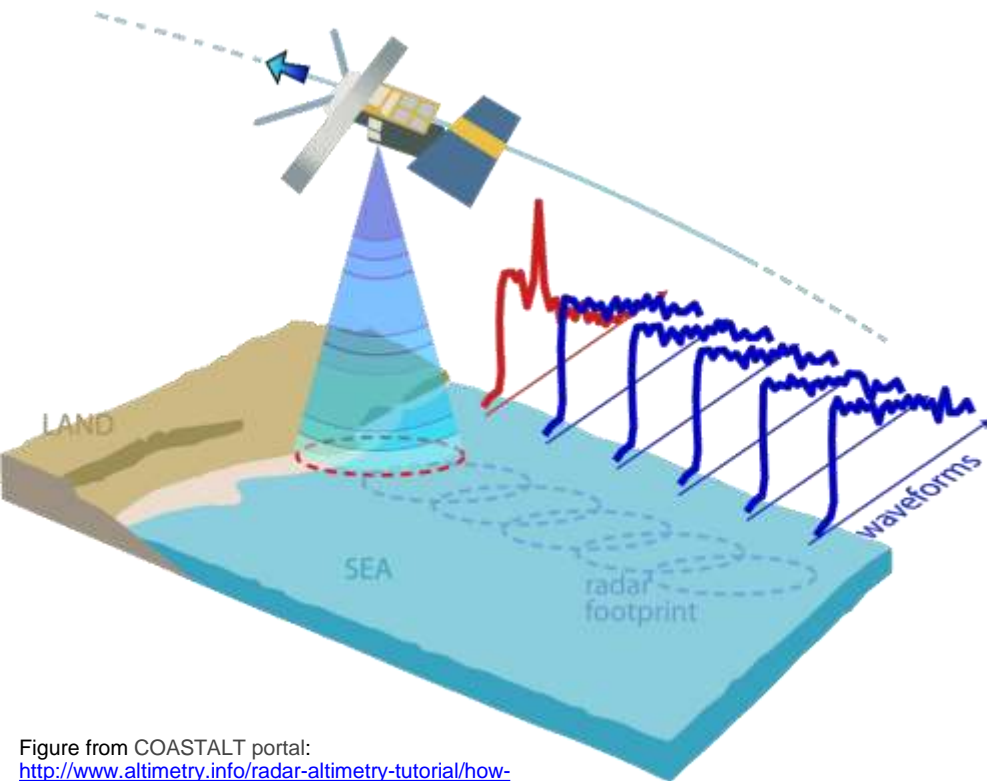
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Part three: ***SRTM15+V2***

Part four: ***Future plans & grid integration***

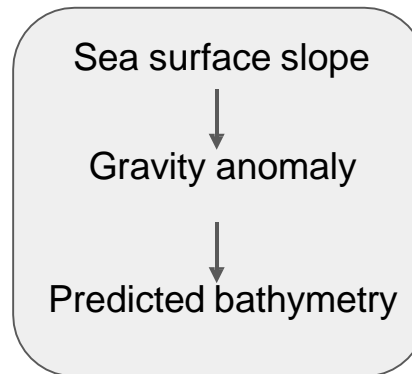
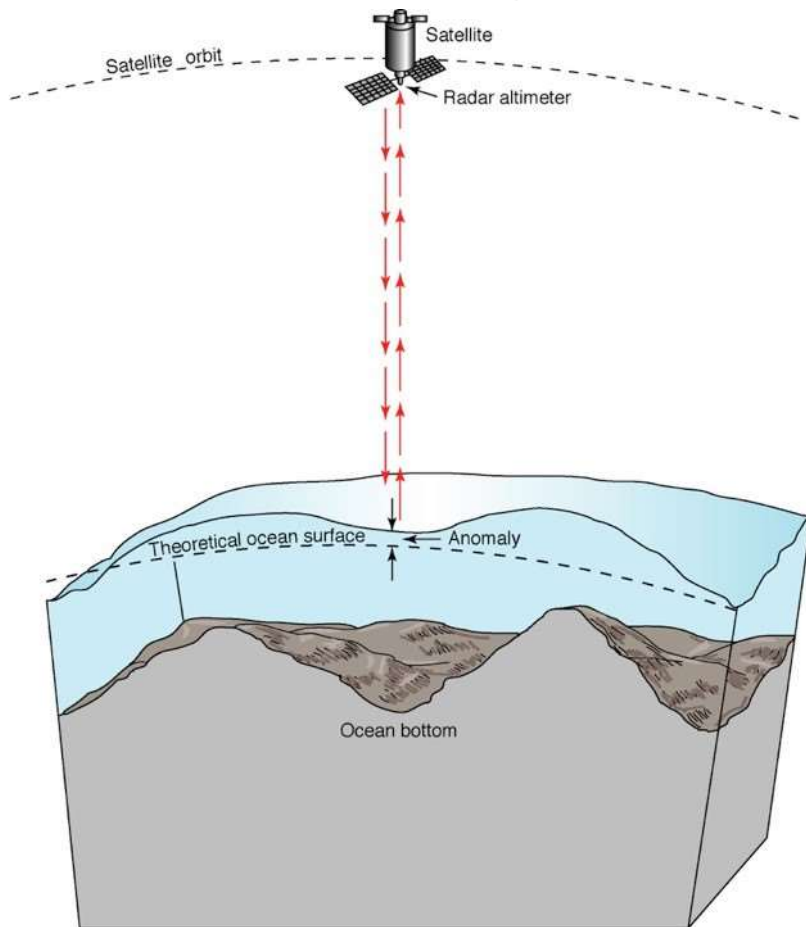
Satellite altimetry



NB: We're primarily focused on the deep oceans for plate tectonic applications

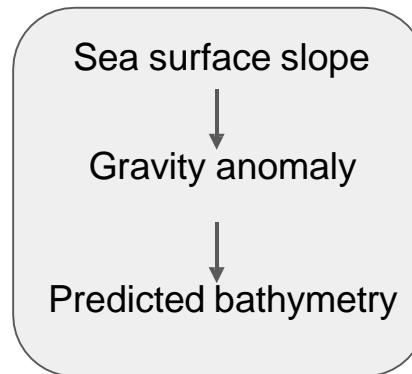
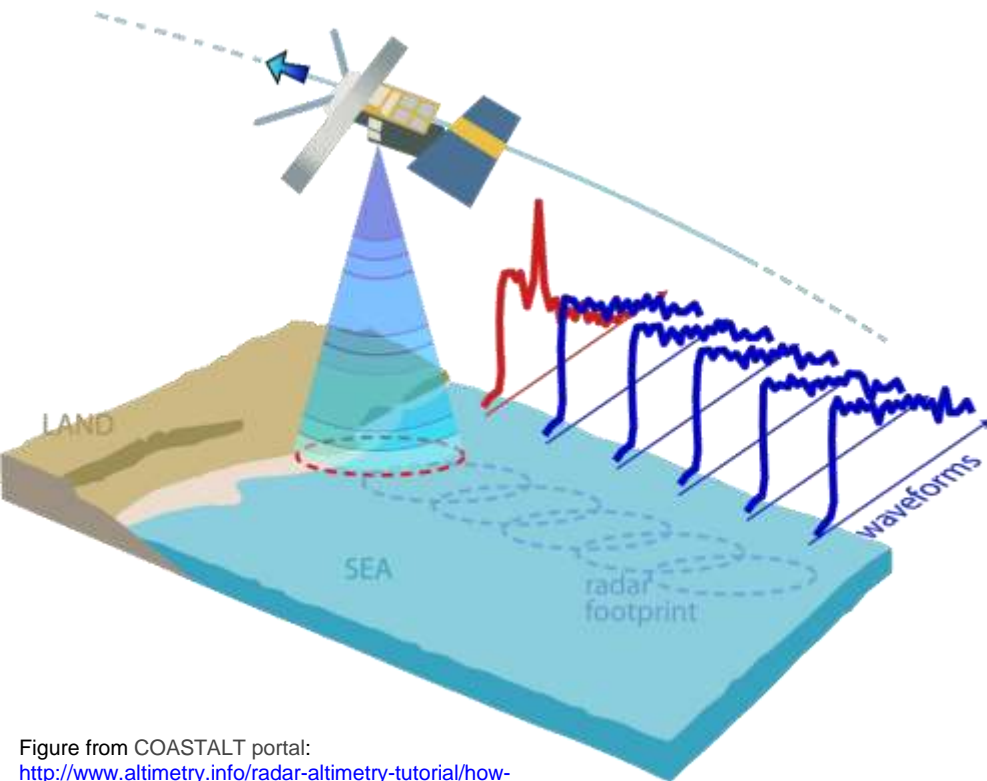
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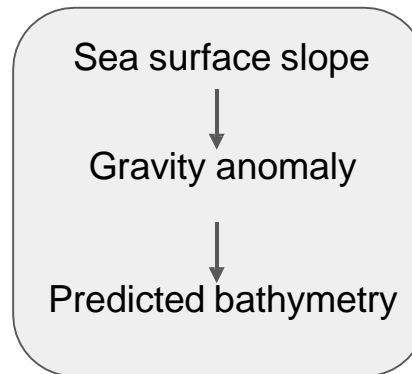
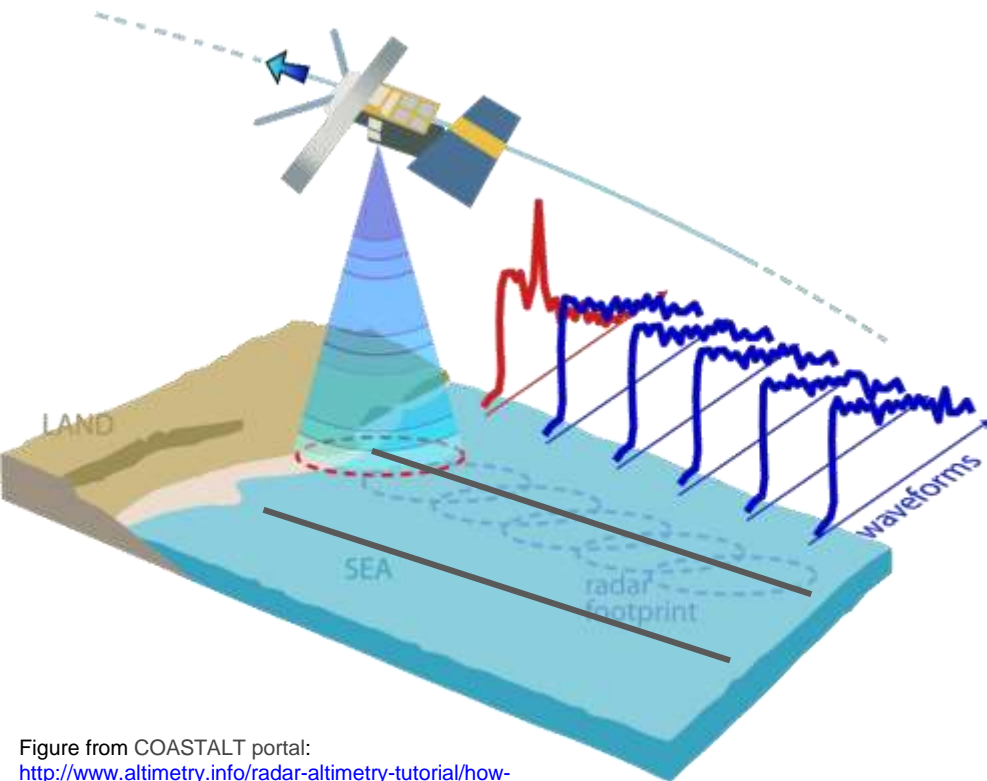


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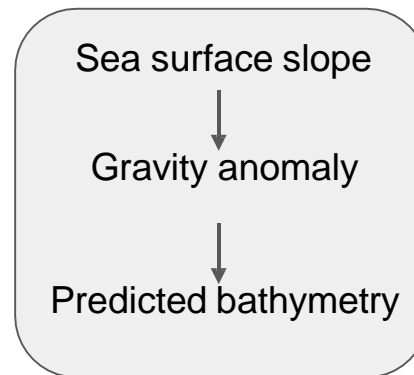
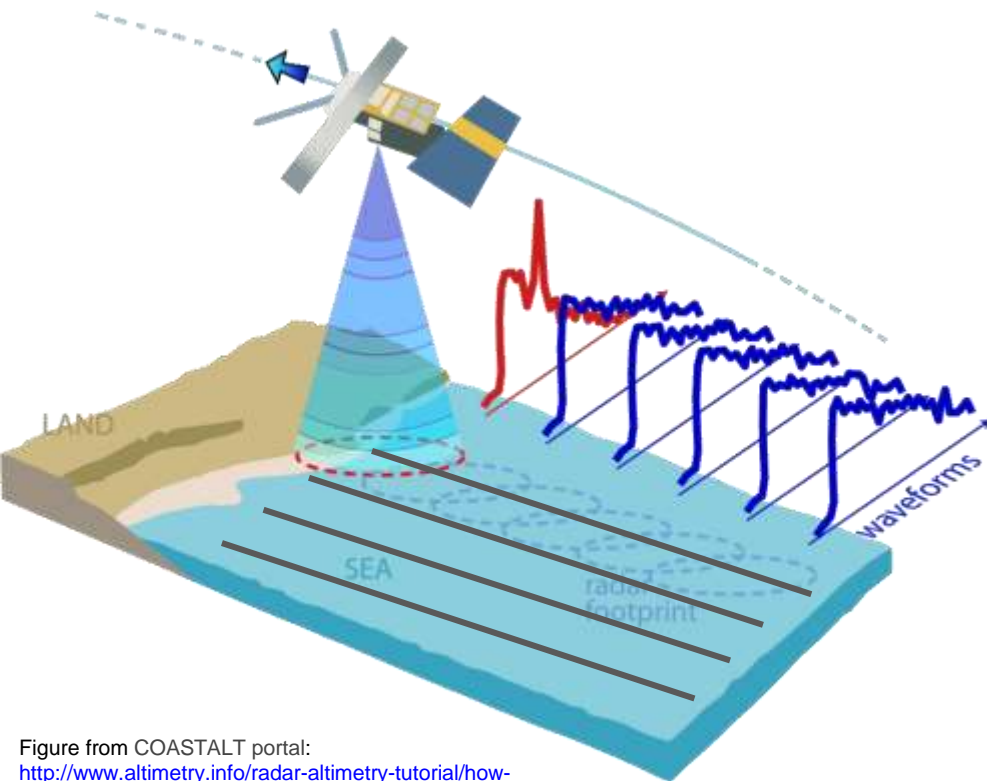
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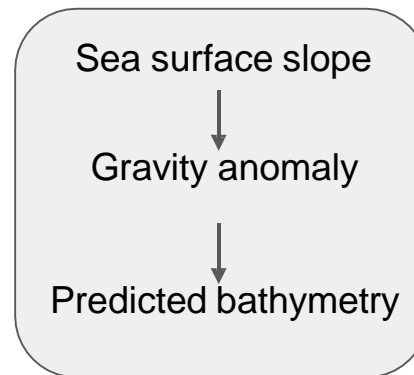
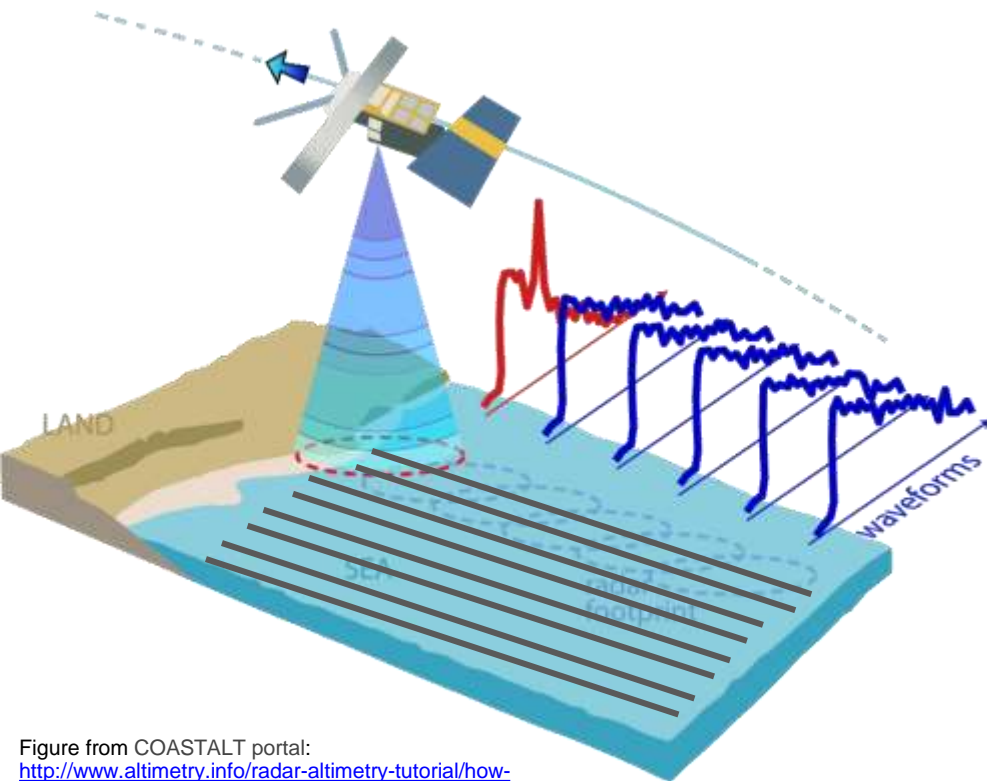
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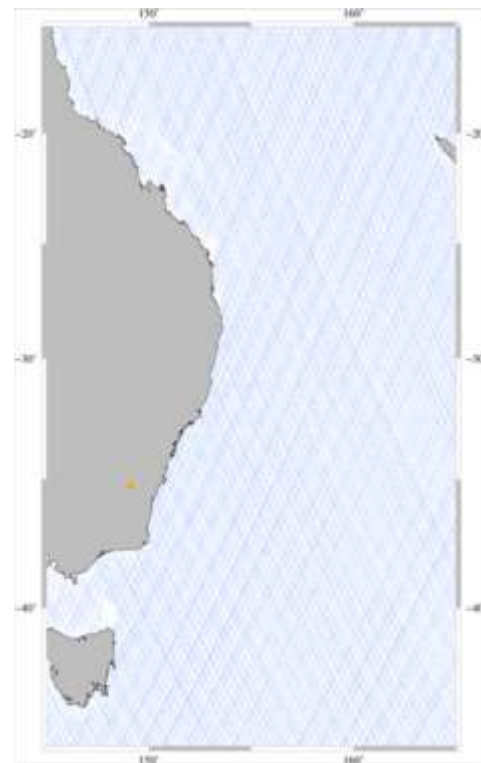
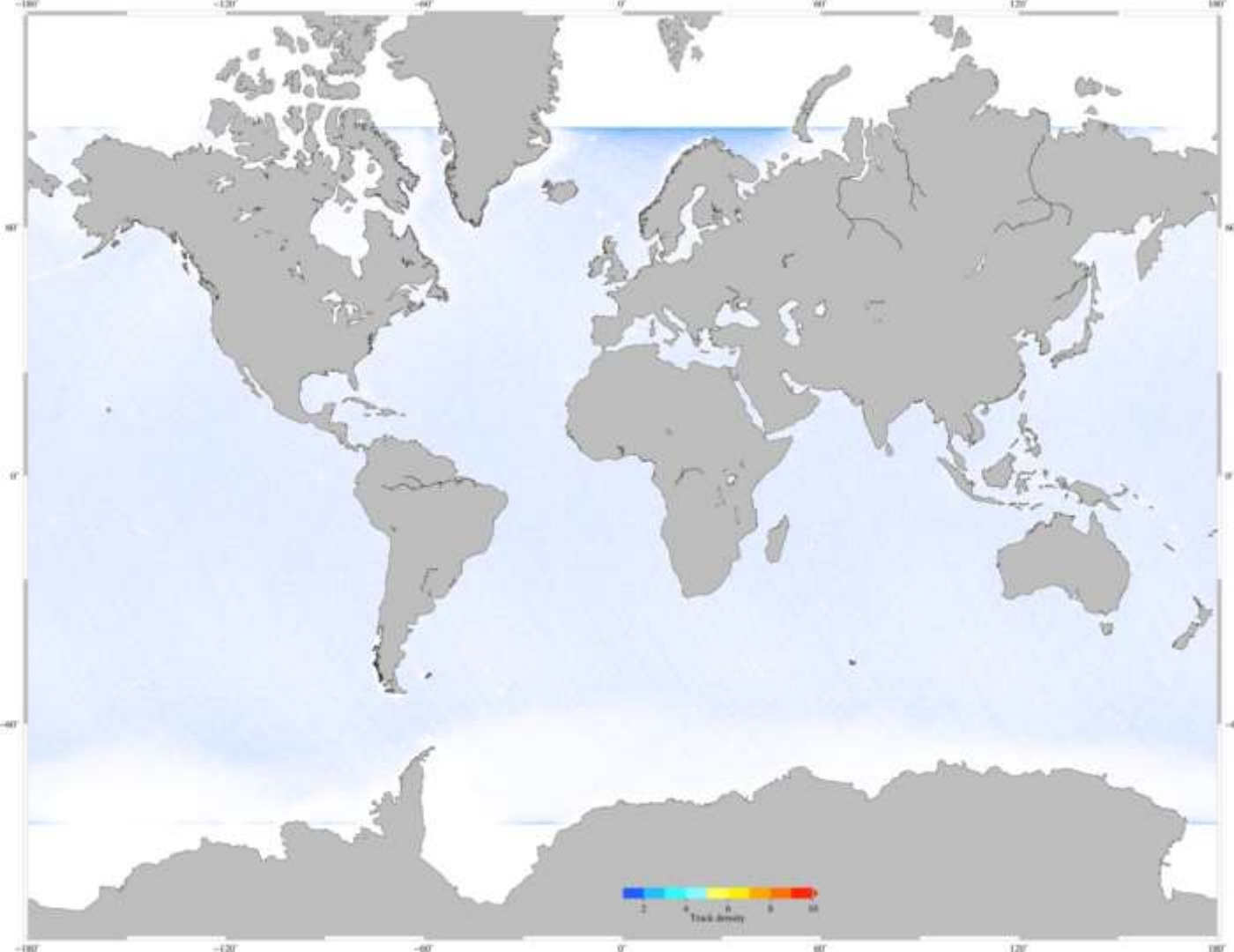
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(& inclination - currently poor E-W component)

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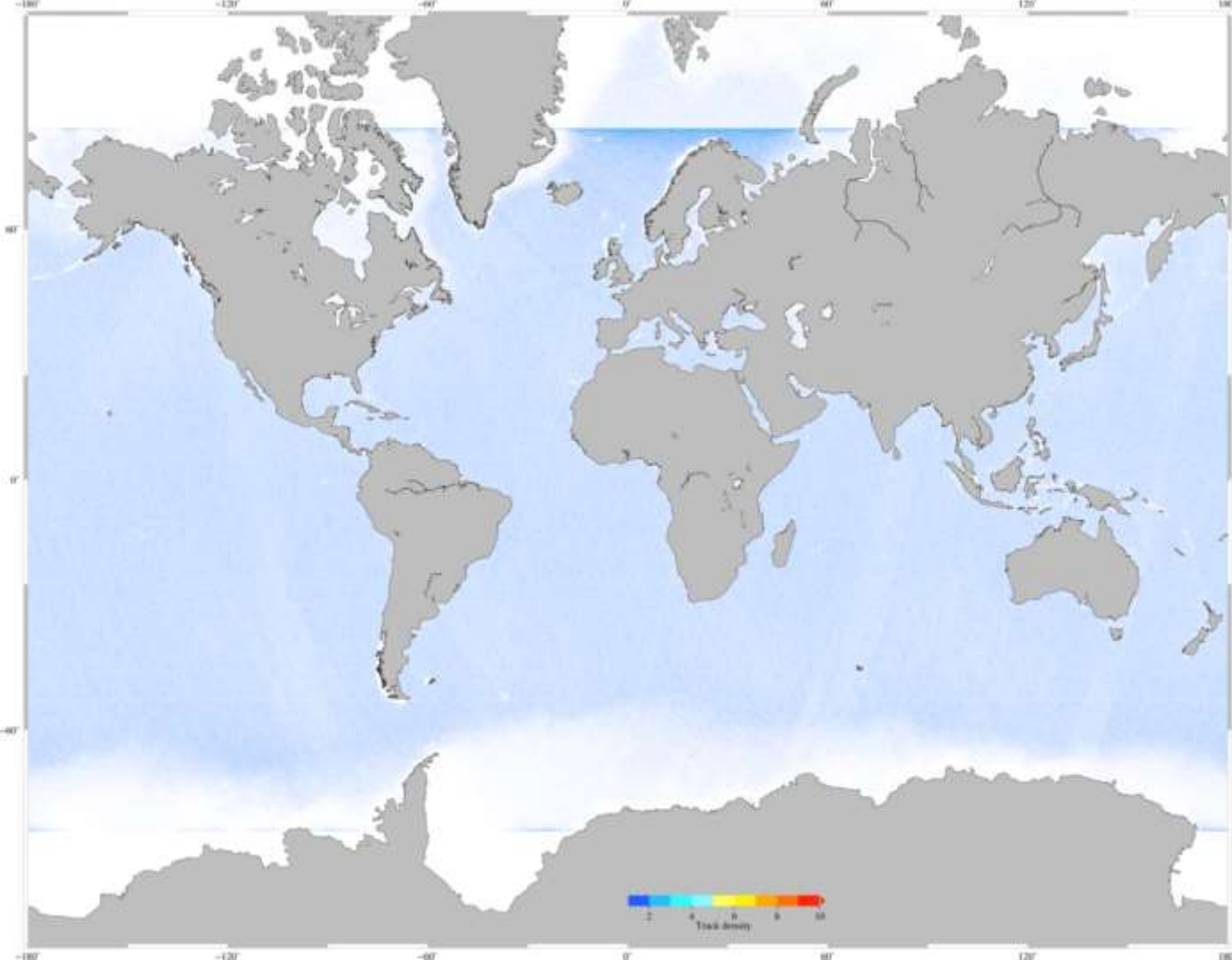
Track density

Geosat



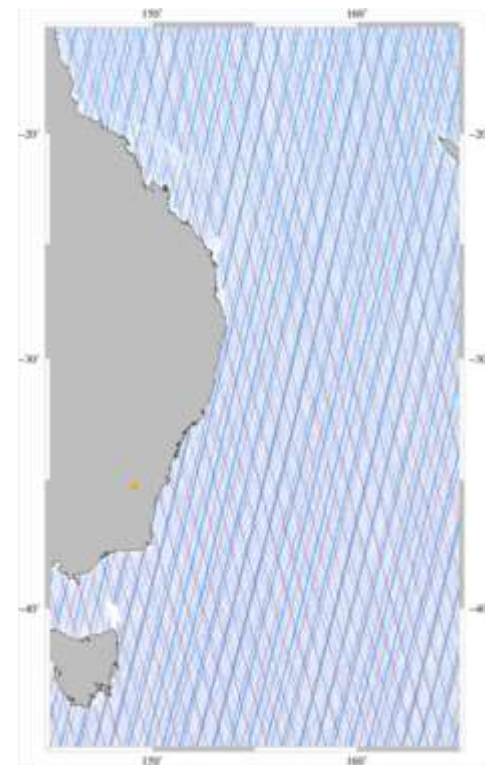
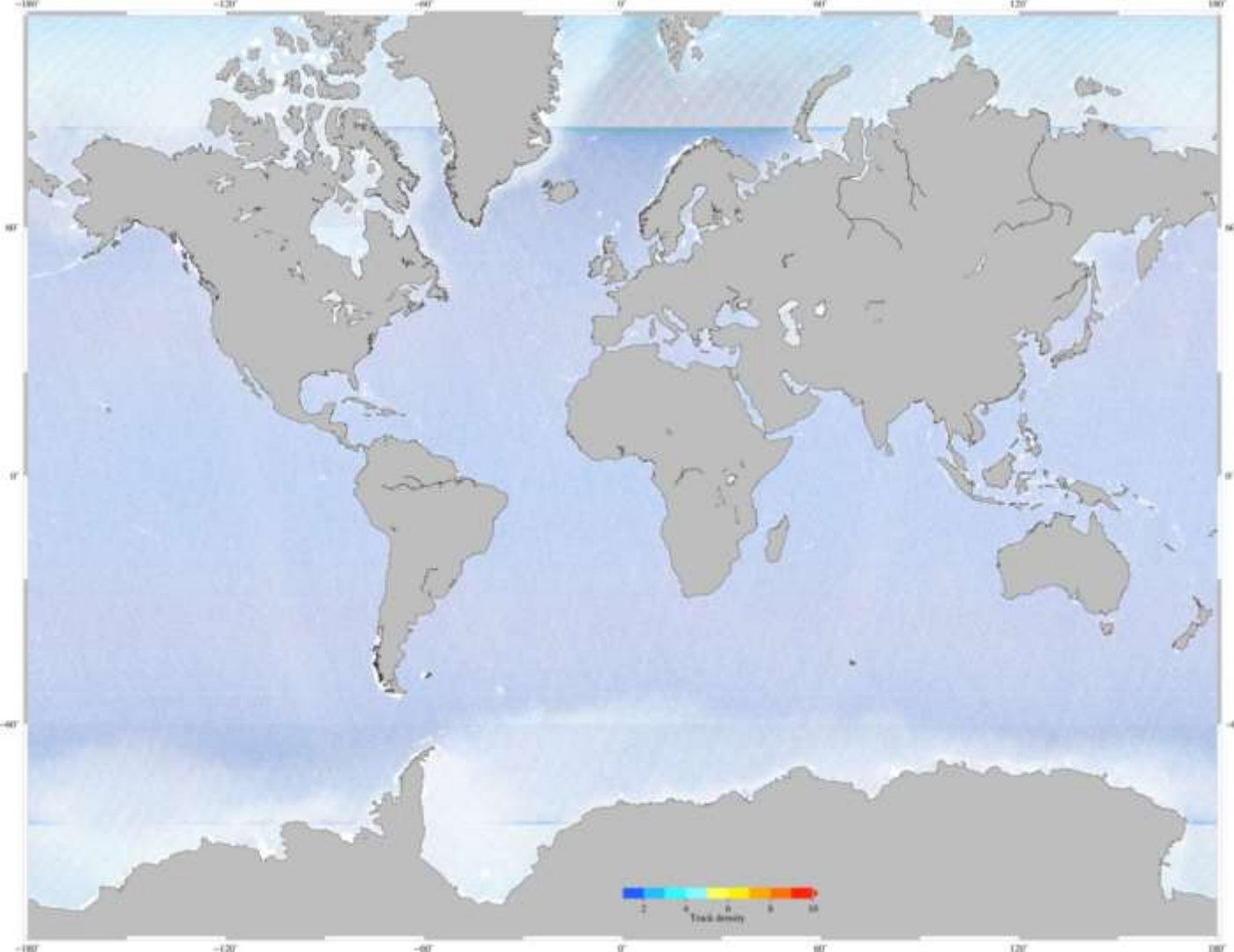
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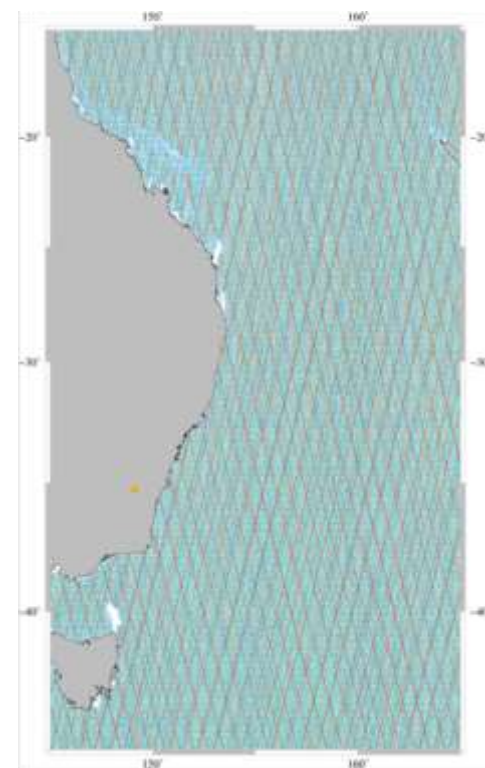
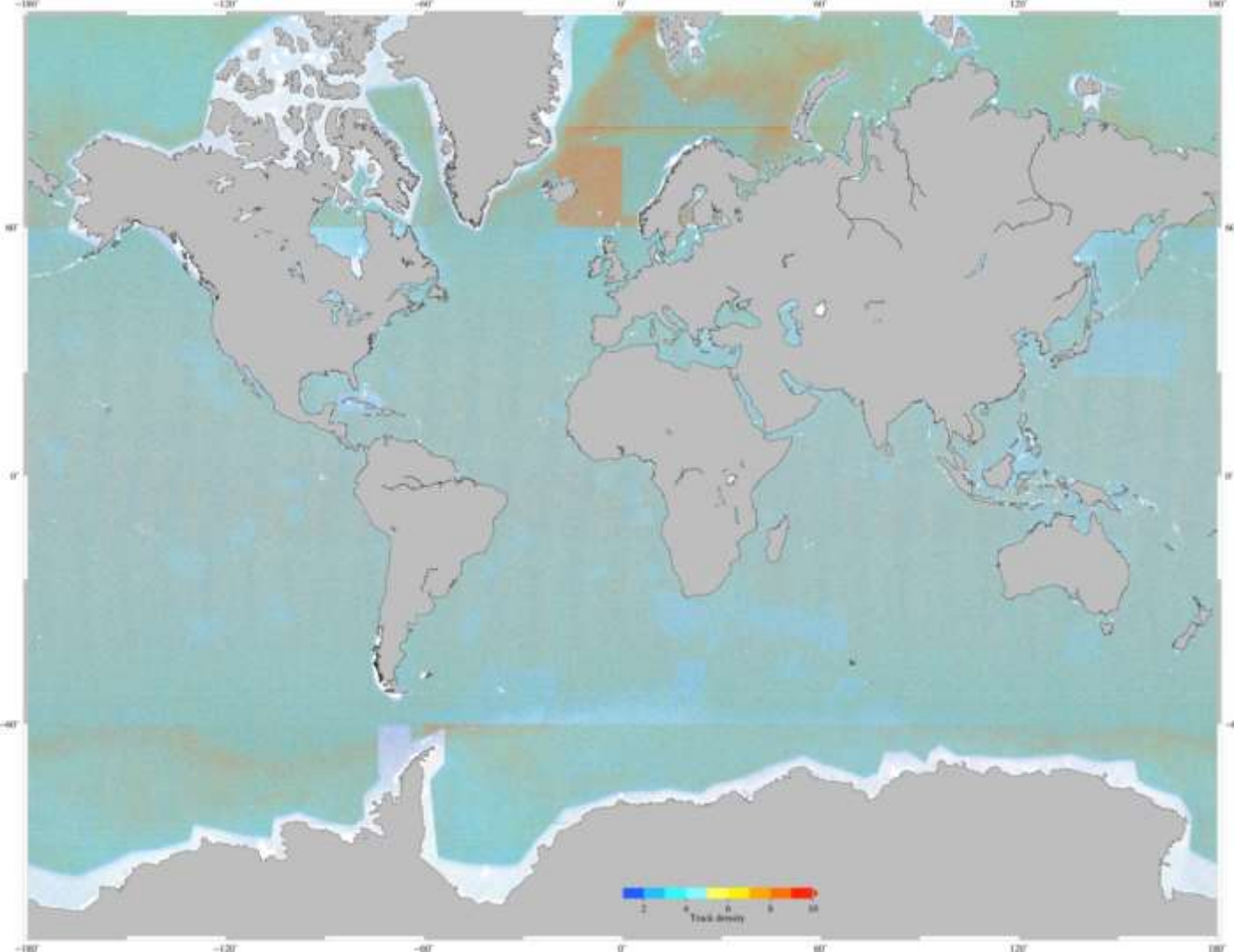
Geosat + ers1



Track density

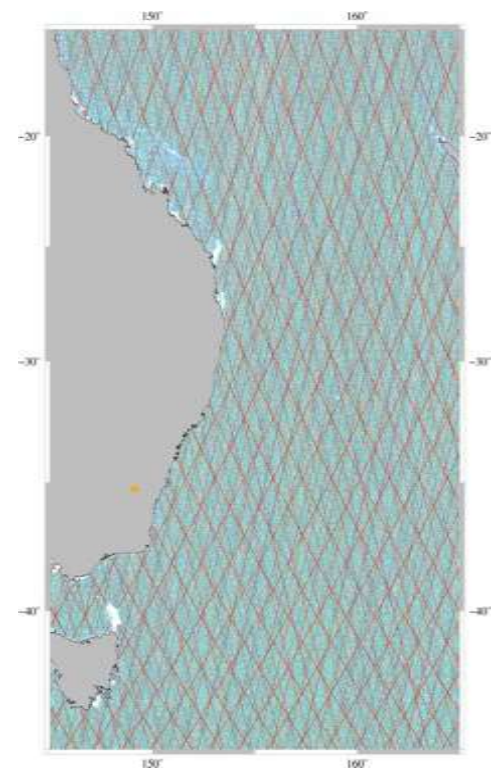
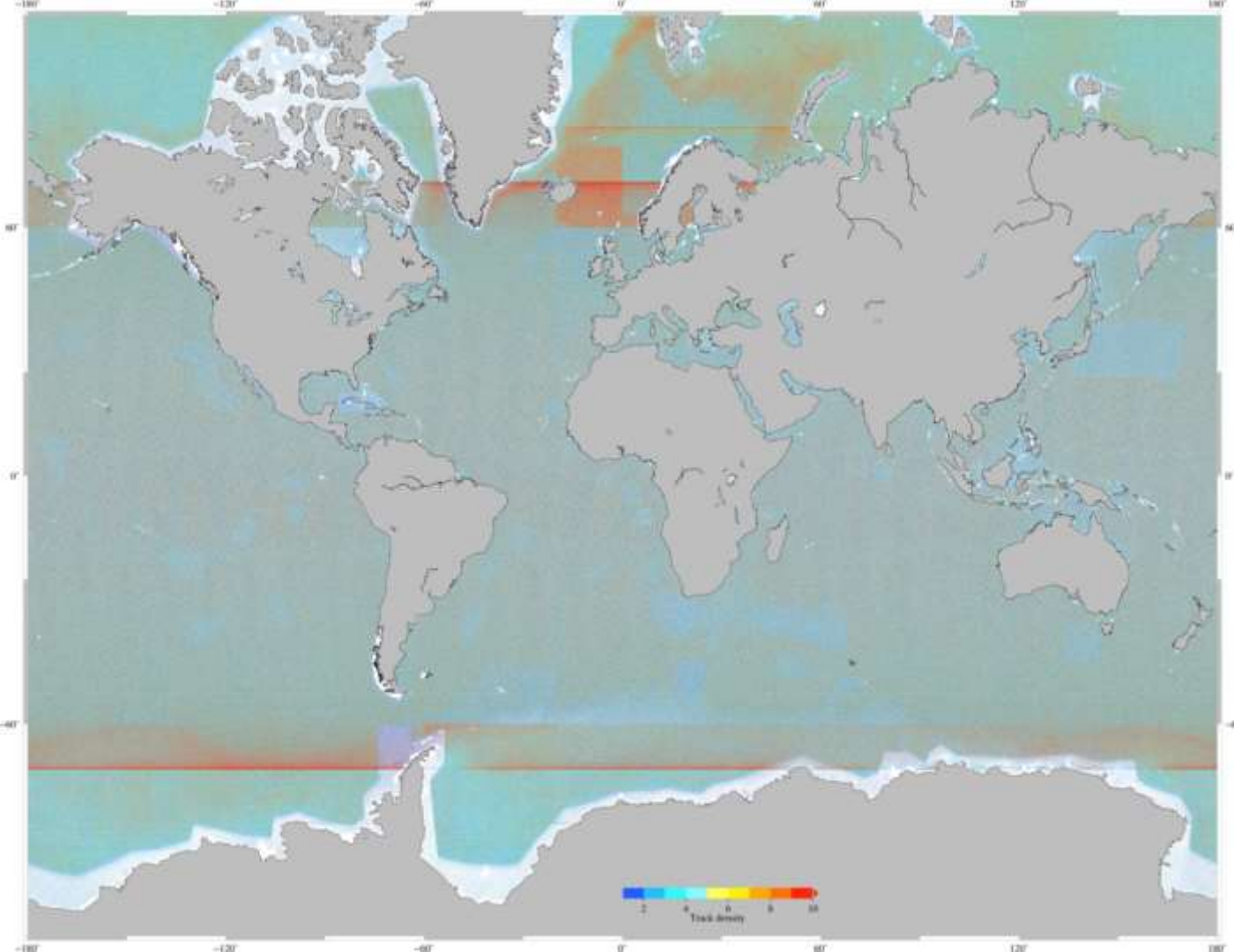
Geosat + ers1 + envisat





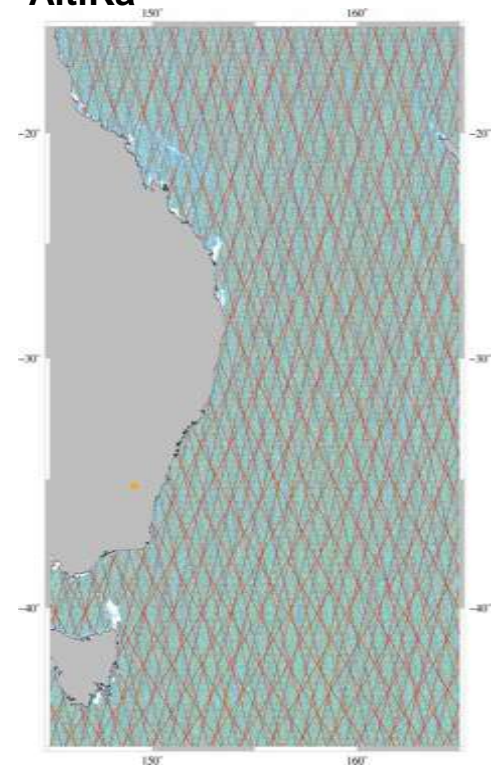
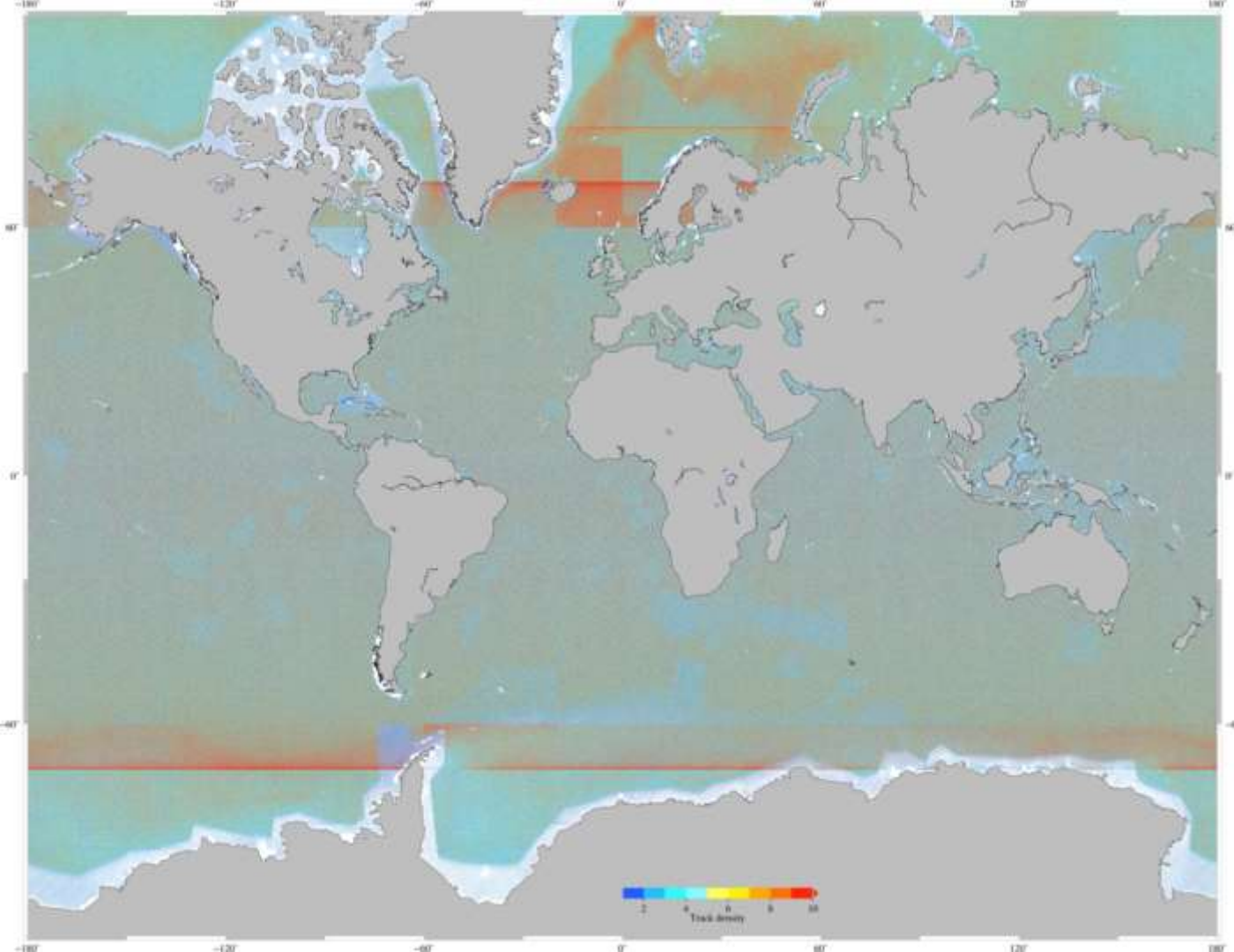
Track density

Geosat + ers1 + envisat
+ Cyrosat-2 + **Jason-1**

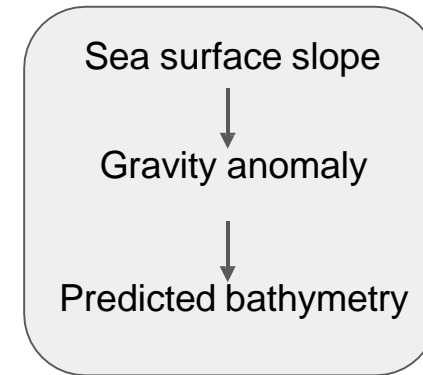
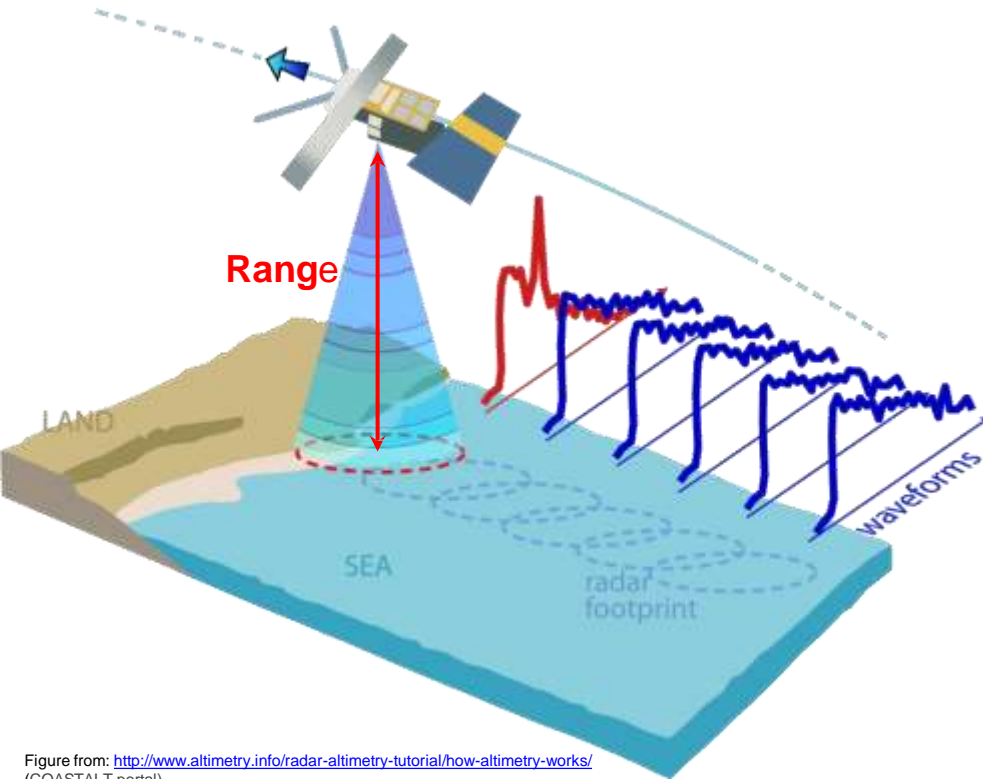


Track density

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+ Cyrosat-2 + Jason-1 +
AltiKa



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1. Density of track spacing.
1. Range precision (i.e., satellite-to-surface distance, determined from echo time).

Range precision

Altimeter	Range precision @ 20 Hz (mm)
Geosat	57.0
ERS-1	61.8
Envisat	51.8
Jason-1	46.4
CryoSat-2 LRM	42.7
CryoSat-2 SAR	49.7
AltiKa	20.5

Smith [2015] showed standard GDR of AltiKa is 2 X more precise than Envisat

Zhang and Sandwell [2016] showed that AltiKa also benefits from 2-pass retracking.

In July 2016 AltiKa began geodetic mapping. Could achieve 1 mGal global marine gravity.

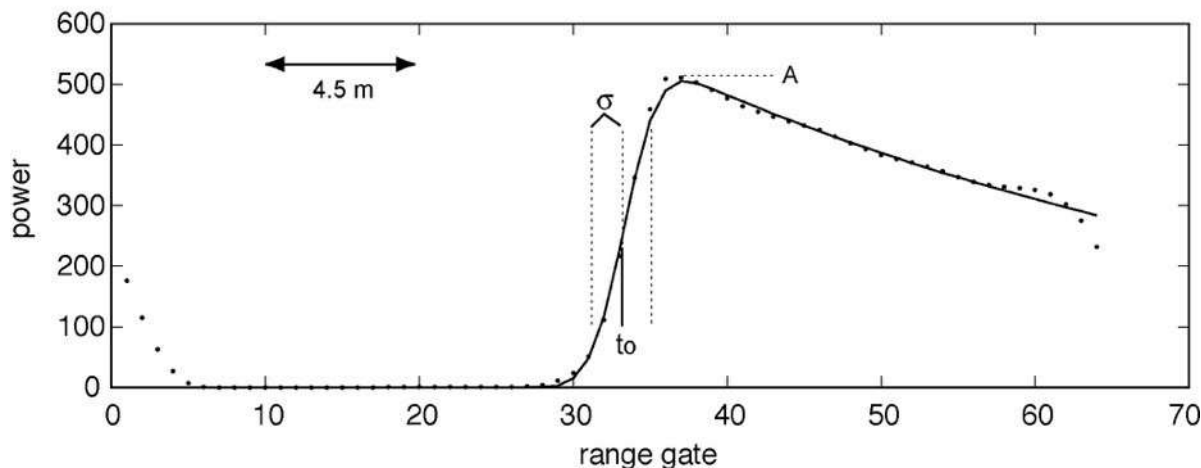
AltiKa 4.5 mm @ 1 Hz

AltiKa is **2x more precise** than all previous altimeters

Waveform retracking

largest error source in measuring the sea surface slope is from errors **picking the arrival time of return echo**

2-pass waveform retracking improves range precision



Estimate 3 parameters: arrival time (t_0), rise time (σ), and power (A).

$$M(t) = \frac{A}{2} \{1 + \text{erf}(\eta)\}; \quad \eta = \frac{t - t_0}{\sqrt{2}\sigma}$$

Retrack waveforms with standard 3-parameter model

1) Smooth rise time over 45-km

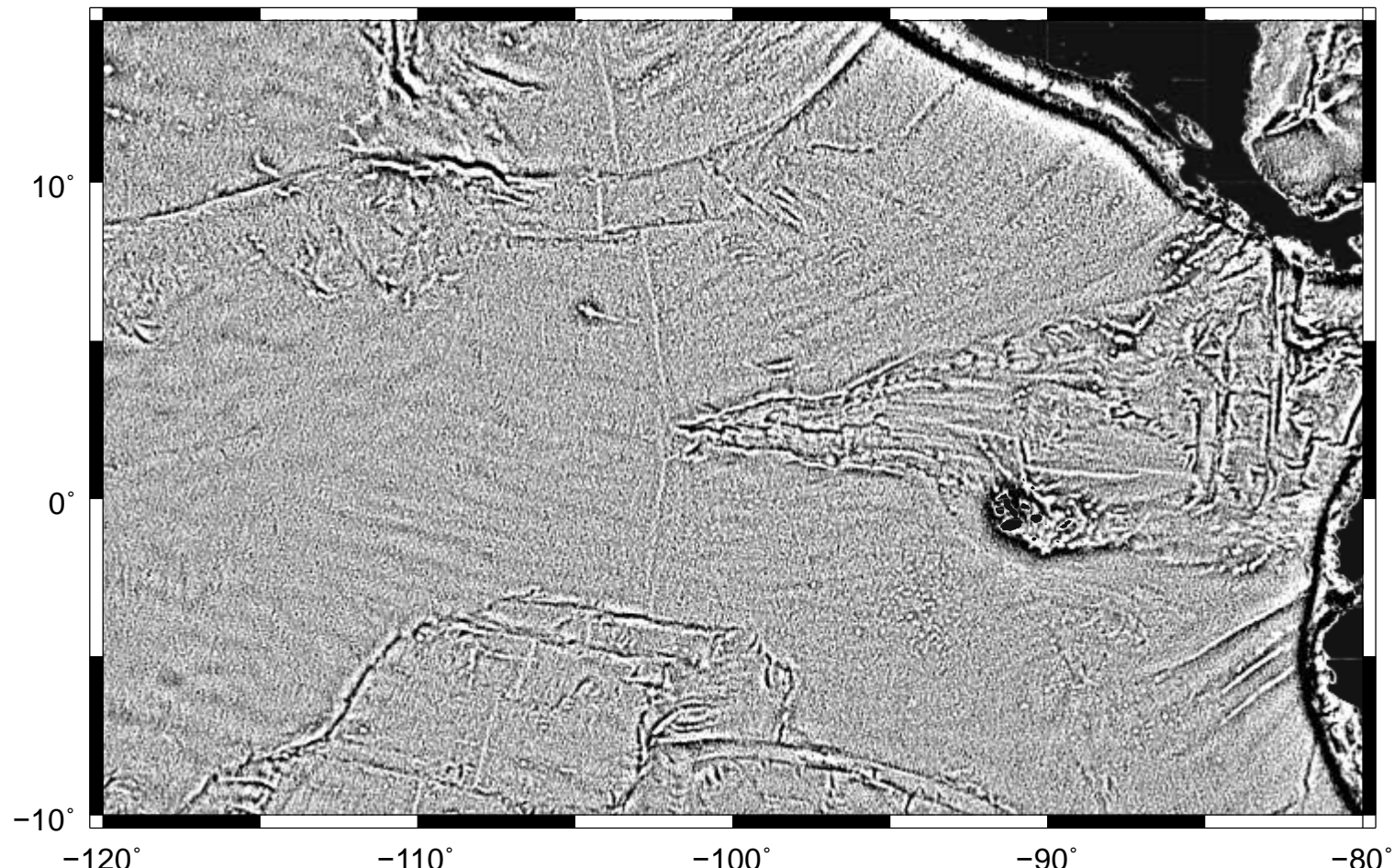
2) Retrack waveforms with 2-parameter model

Note: this assumes wave height varies smoothly along track. [Sandwell and Smith, 2005]

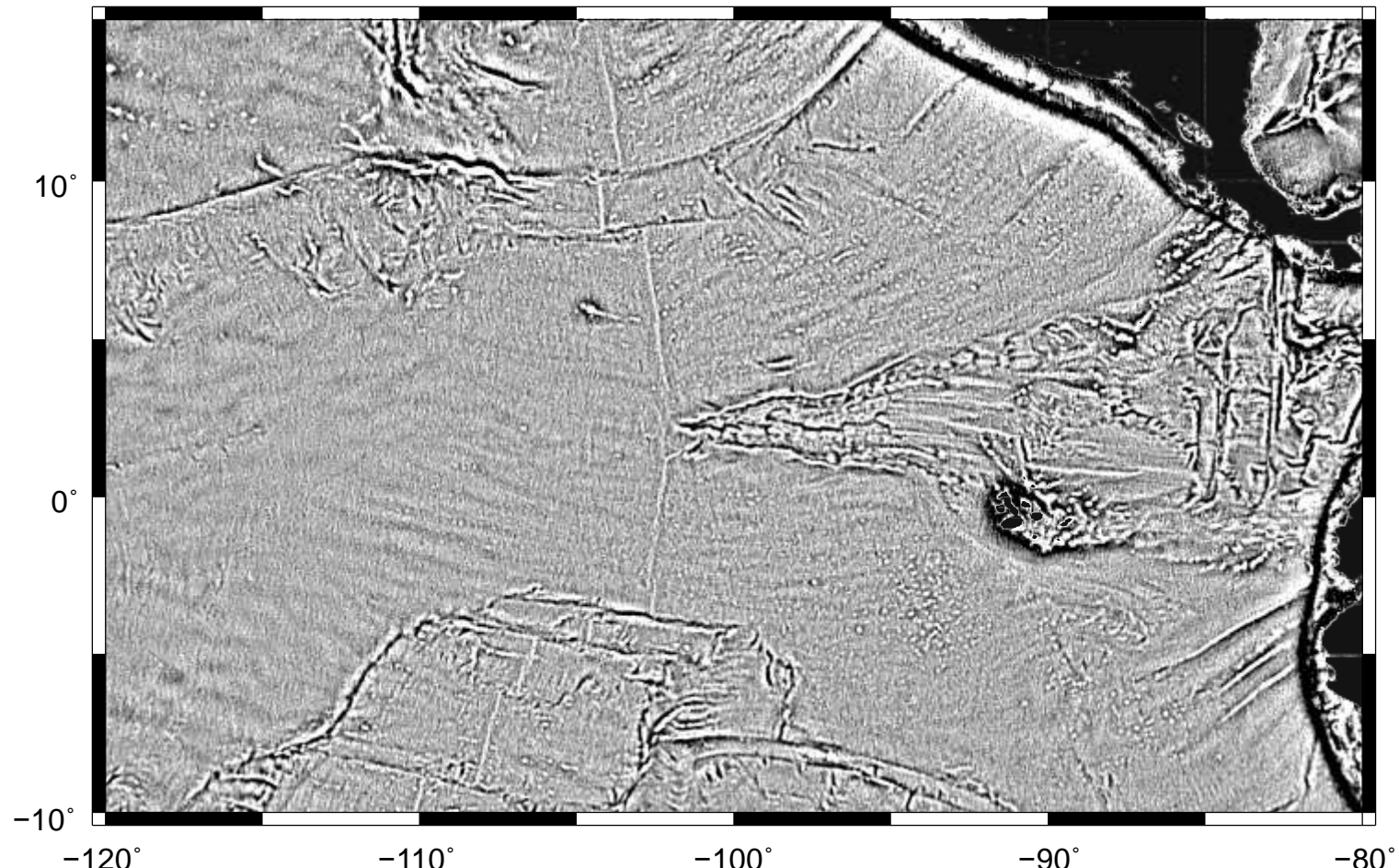
AltiKa: Zhang & Sandwell (2016)

Jason-2: Harper & Sandwell (In progress) 7

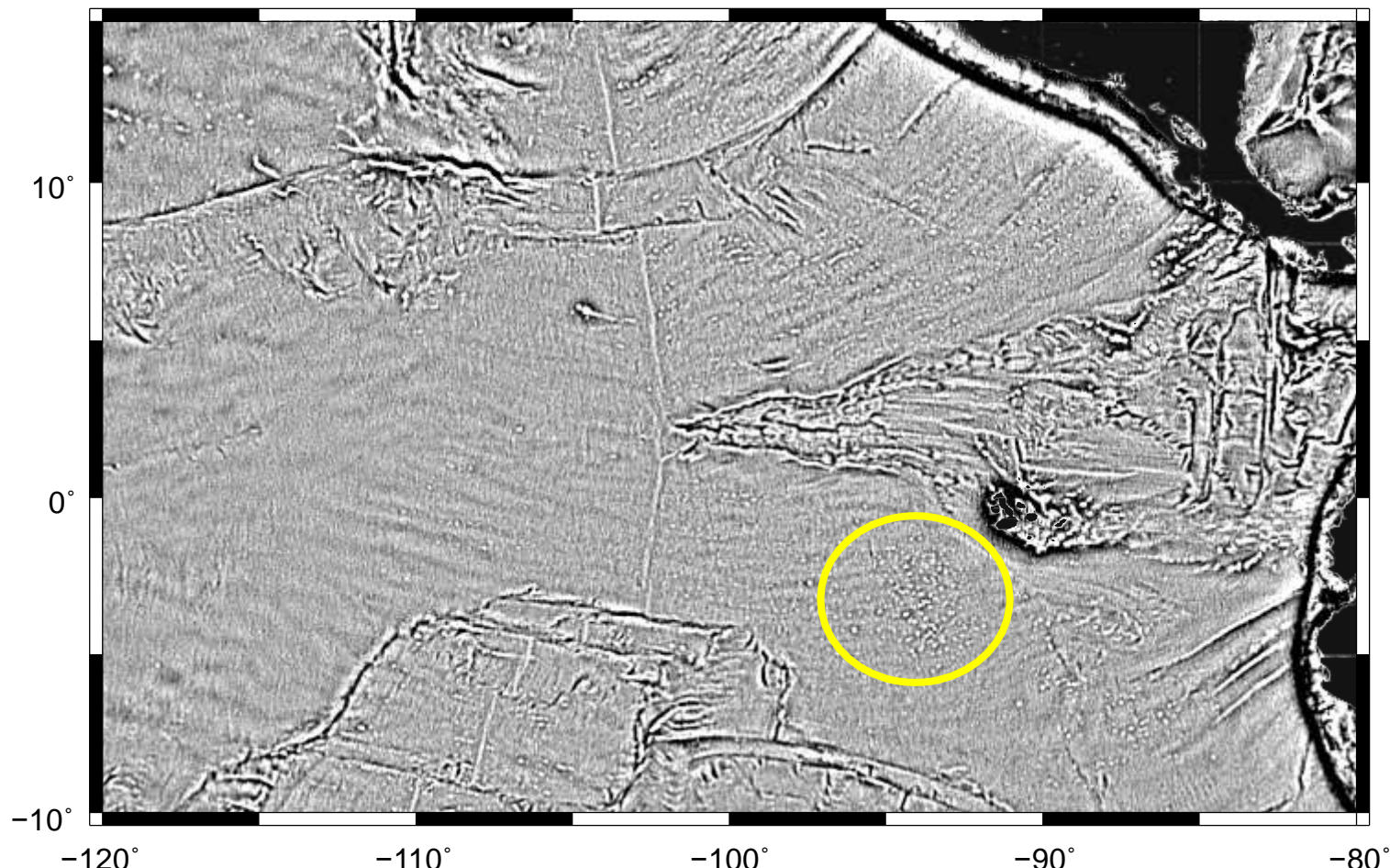
VGG (V18) Geosat + ERS



VGG (V24)

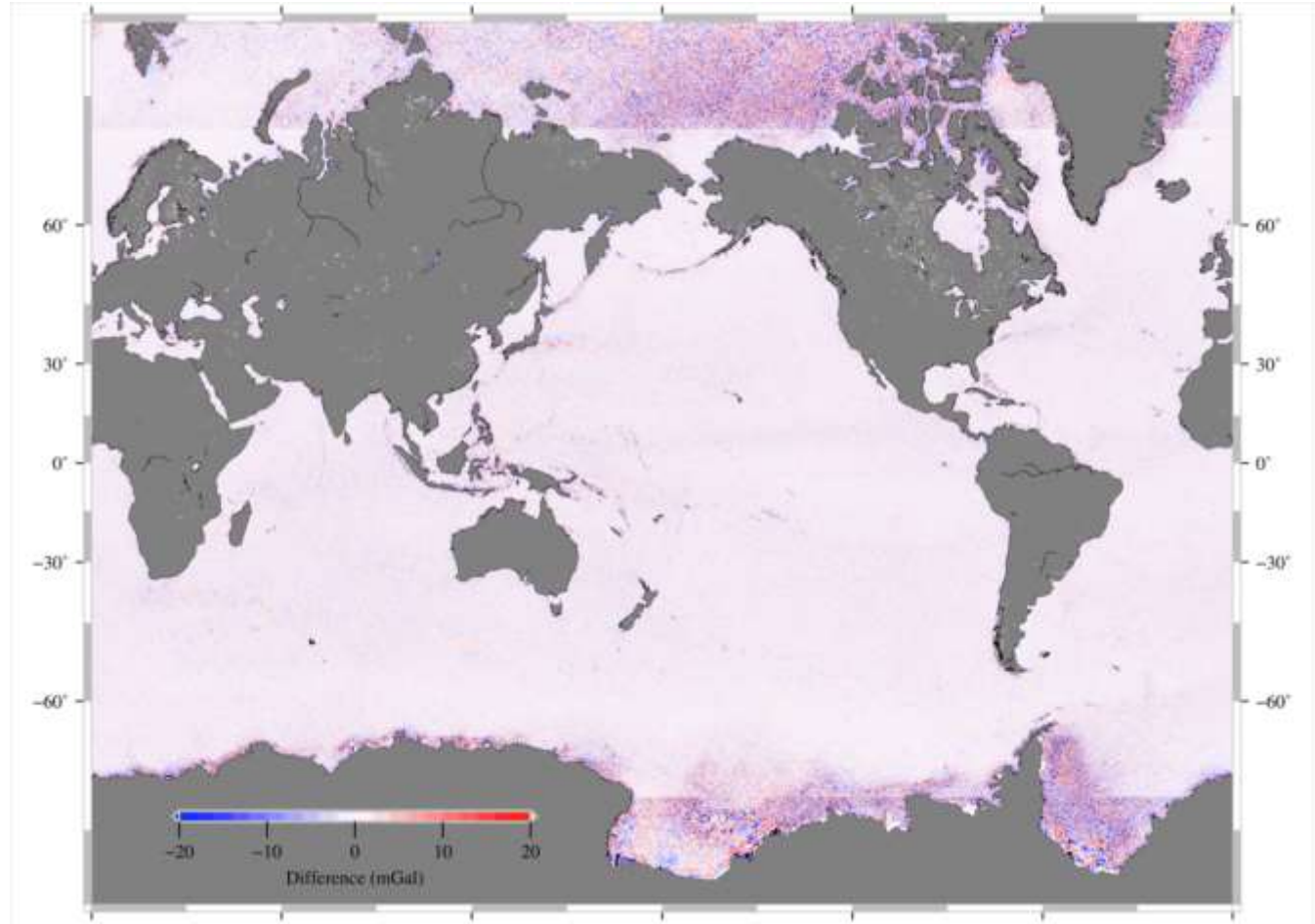


VGG (V27) + CryoSat + AltiKa + Jason-1



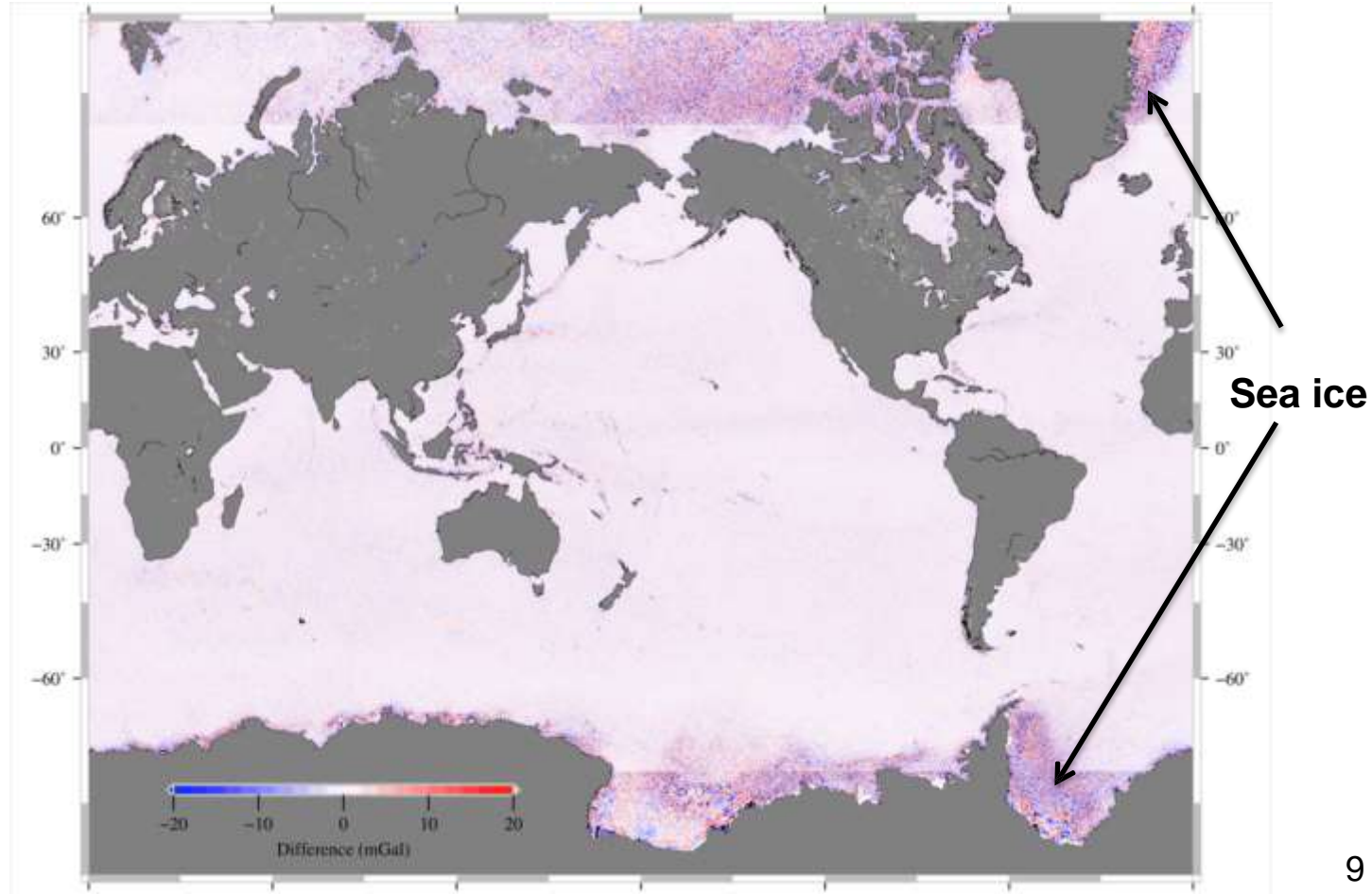
Free-air anomaly: change V24-V18

Statistic	change (mGal)
Mean	-0.05
Standard Dev.	2.92



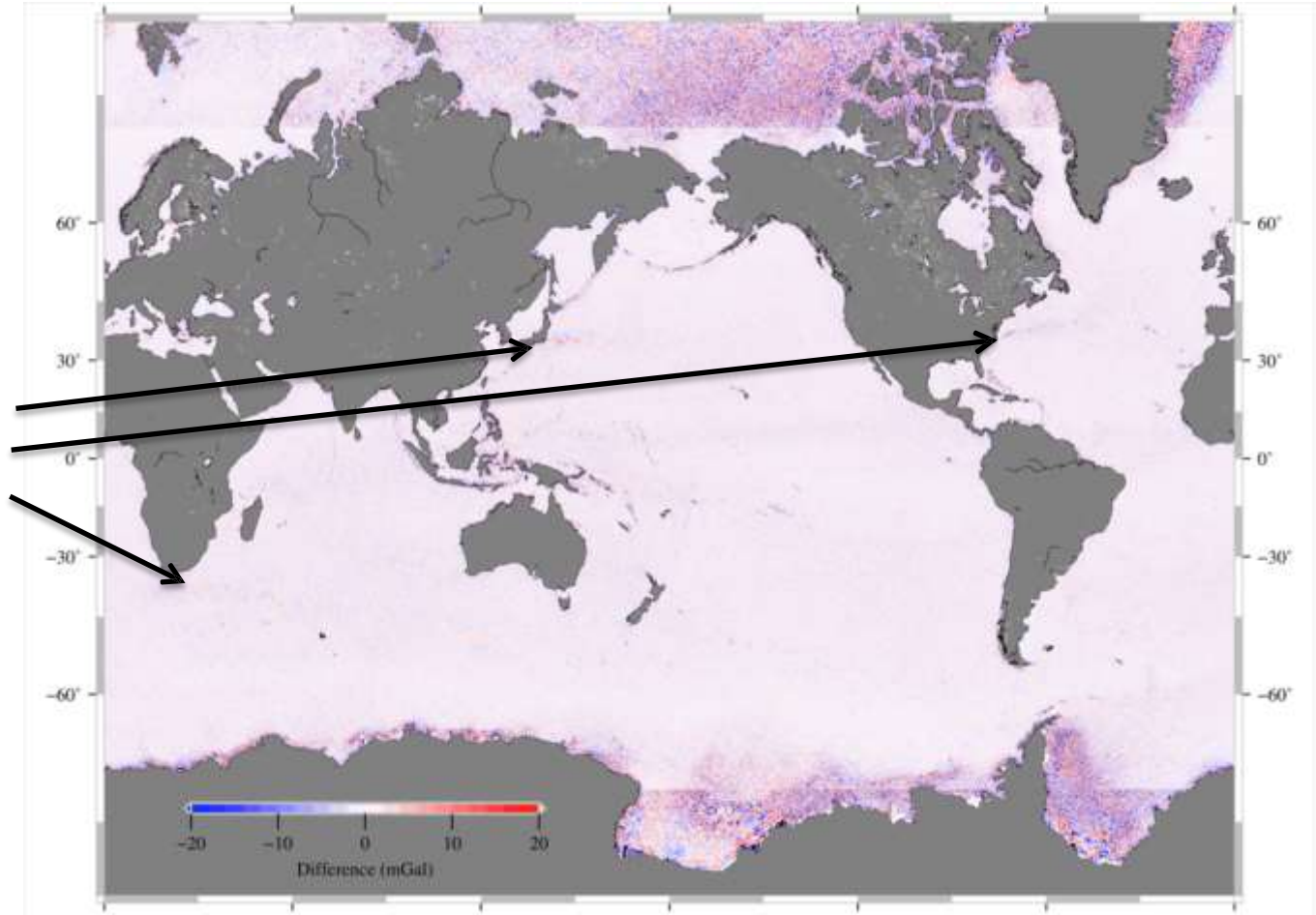
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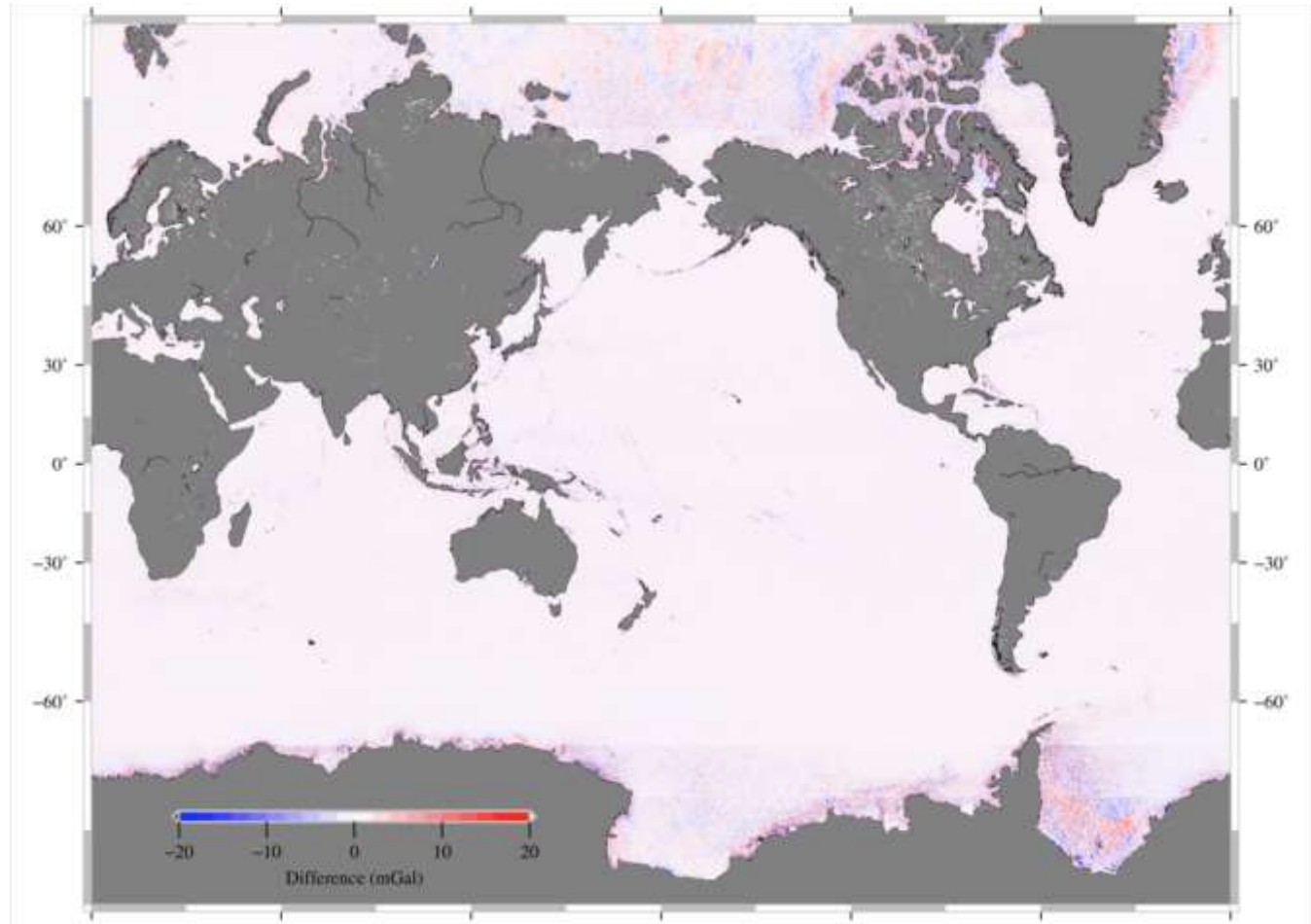
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Mesoscale
Ocean
variability

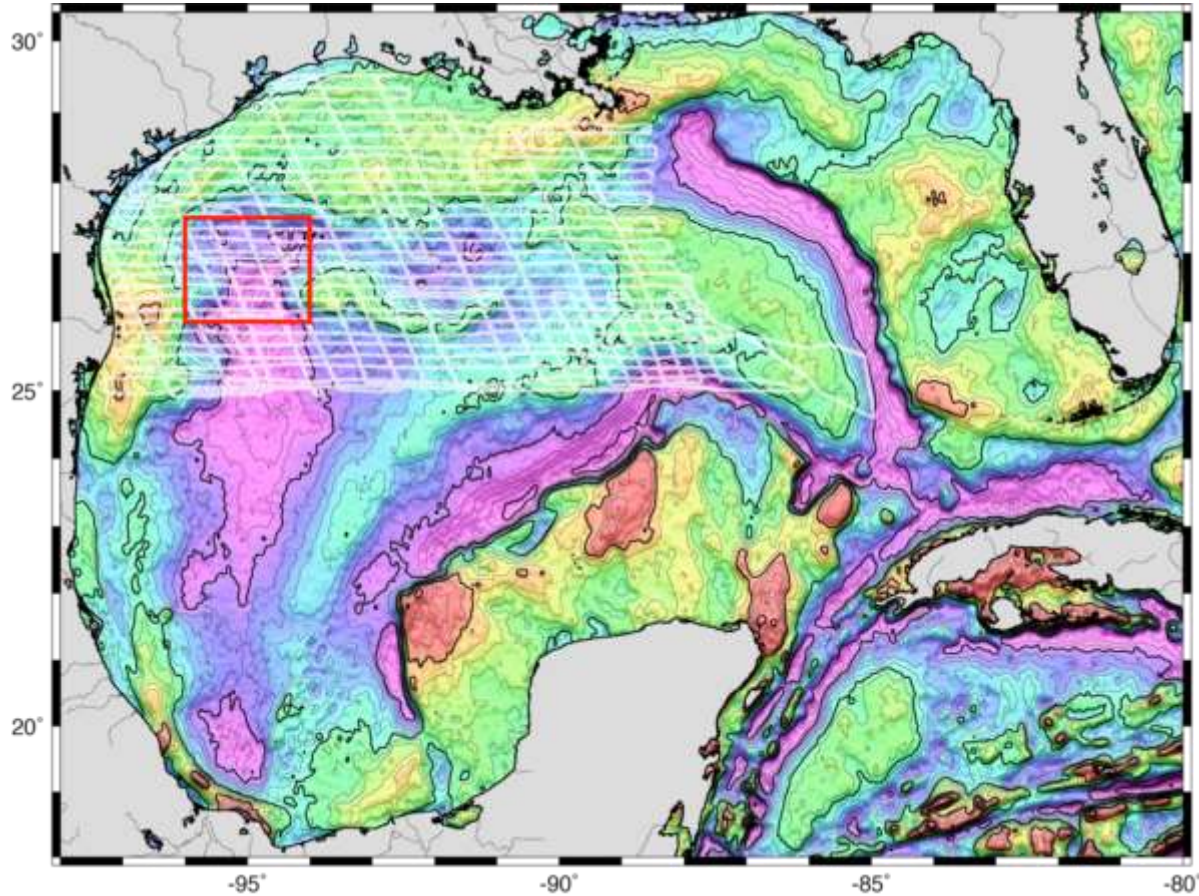


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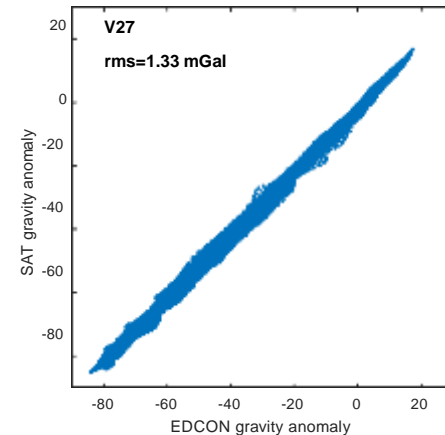
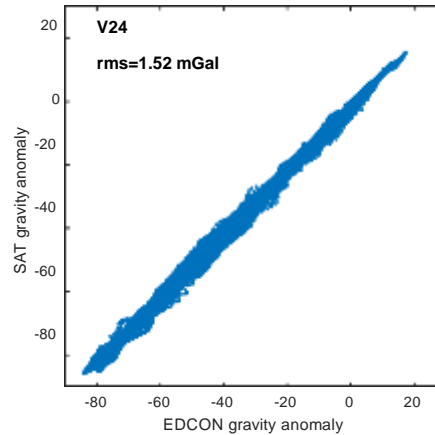
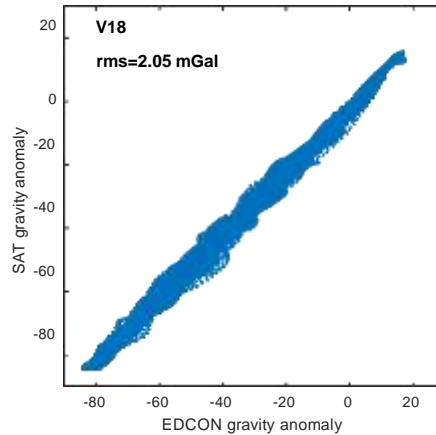
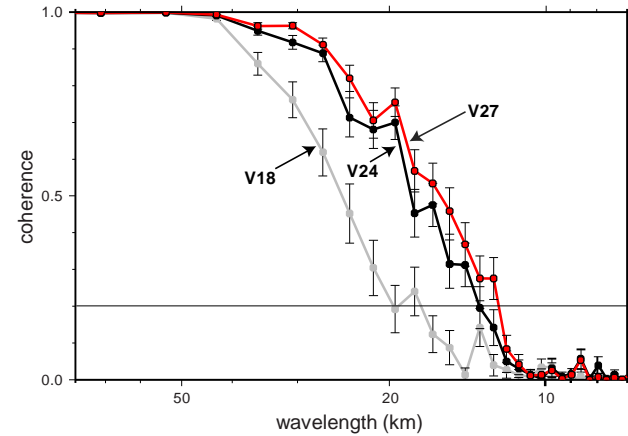
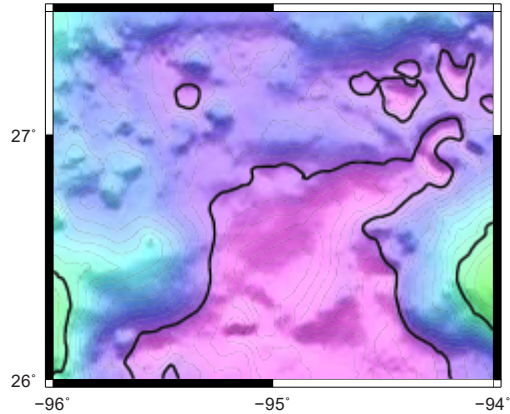
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Standard Dev.	1.82



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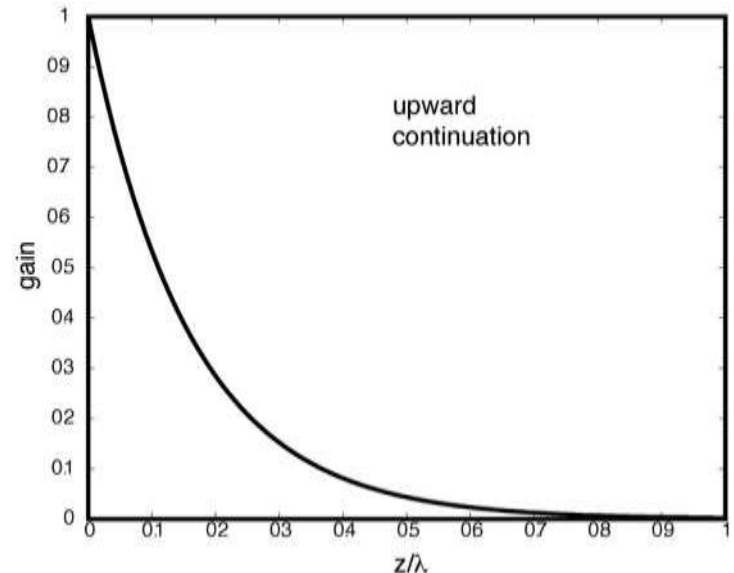


Limit on spatial resolution

$$g(k,z) = g(k,0) e^{-2\pi k z}$$

gravity at altitude
gravity at seafloor
×
upward continuation

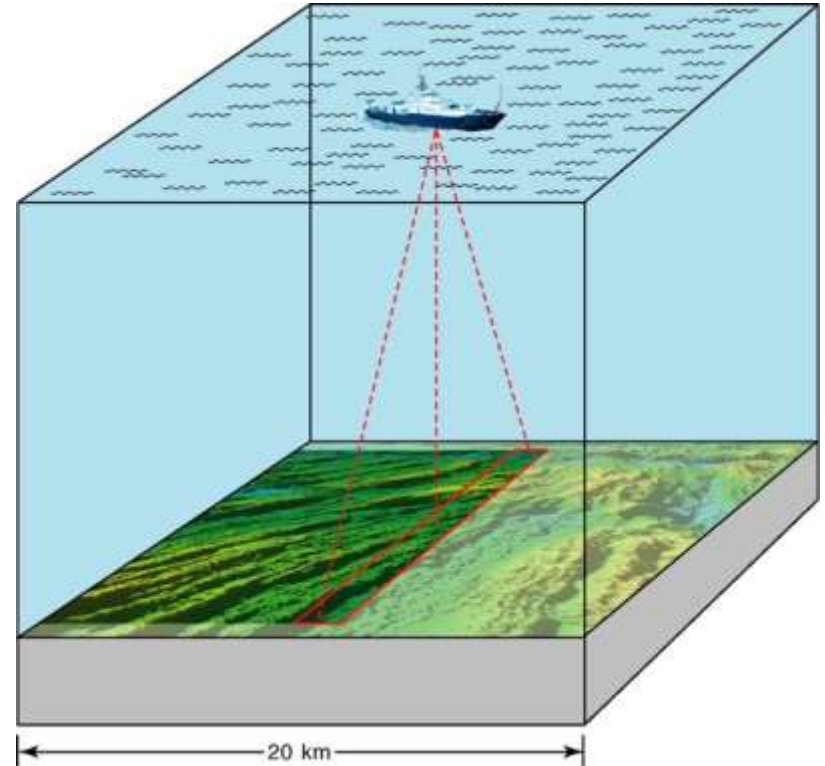
	$\lambda=1/k$	z	gain
shallow margin	2 km	1 km	0.043
deep ocean	8 km	4 km	0.043
GOCE altitude	8 km	200 km	10^{-68}



Shipboard bathymetry

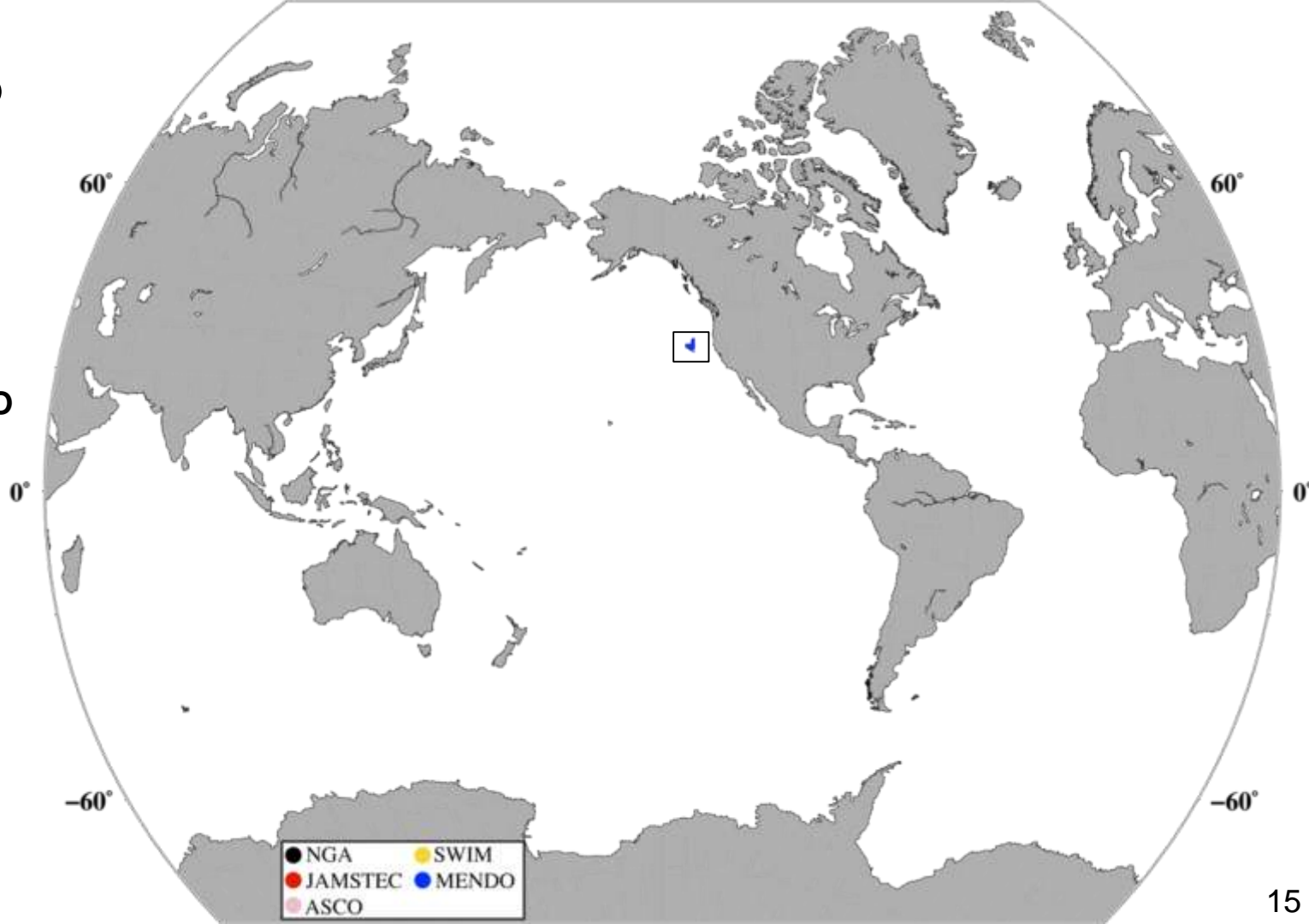
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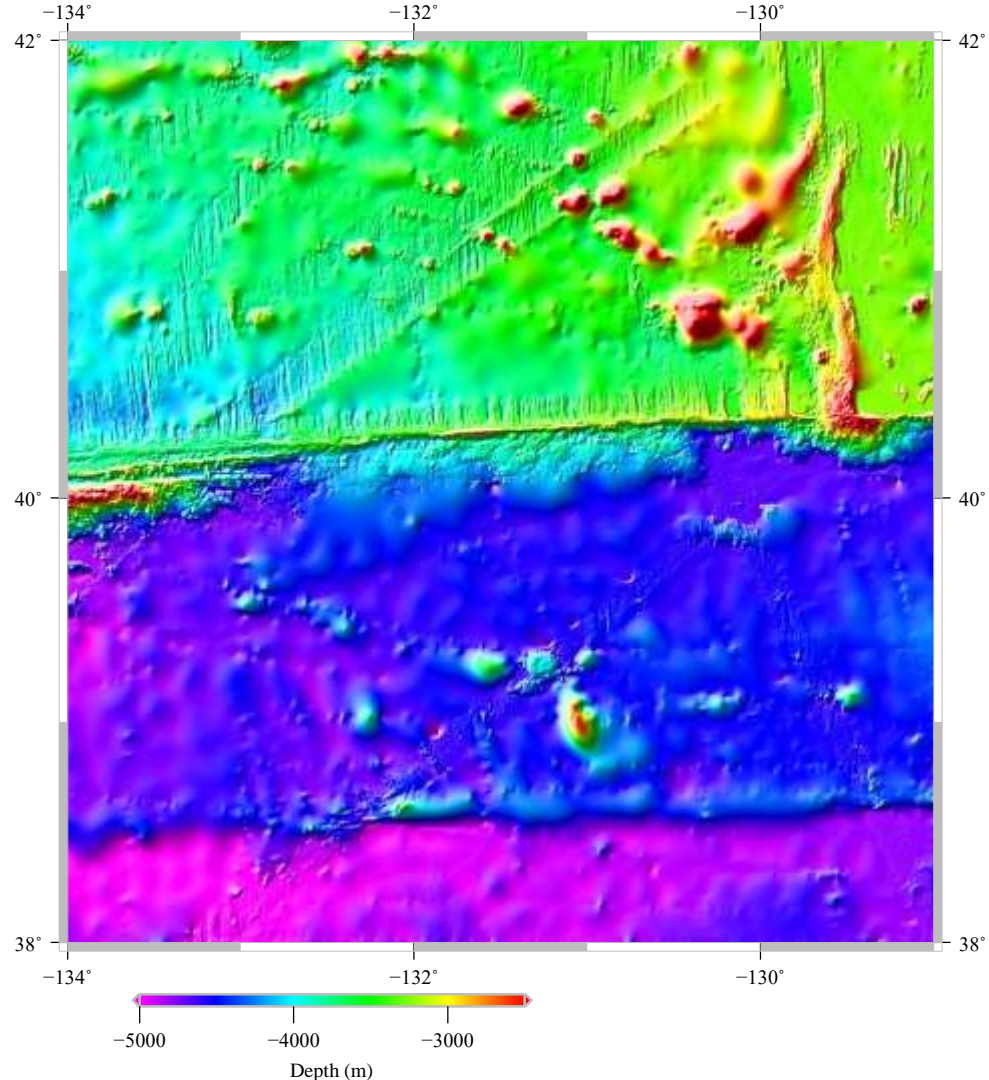
- *Mendocino*
- *SWIM*
- *ASCO (MH370)*
- *JAMSTEC 2012-2016*
- *NGA “unclassified”*
- *IBCAO V3 (north of 80° N)*

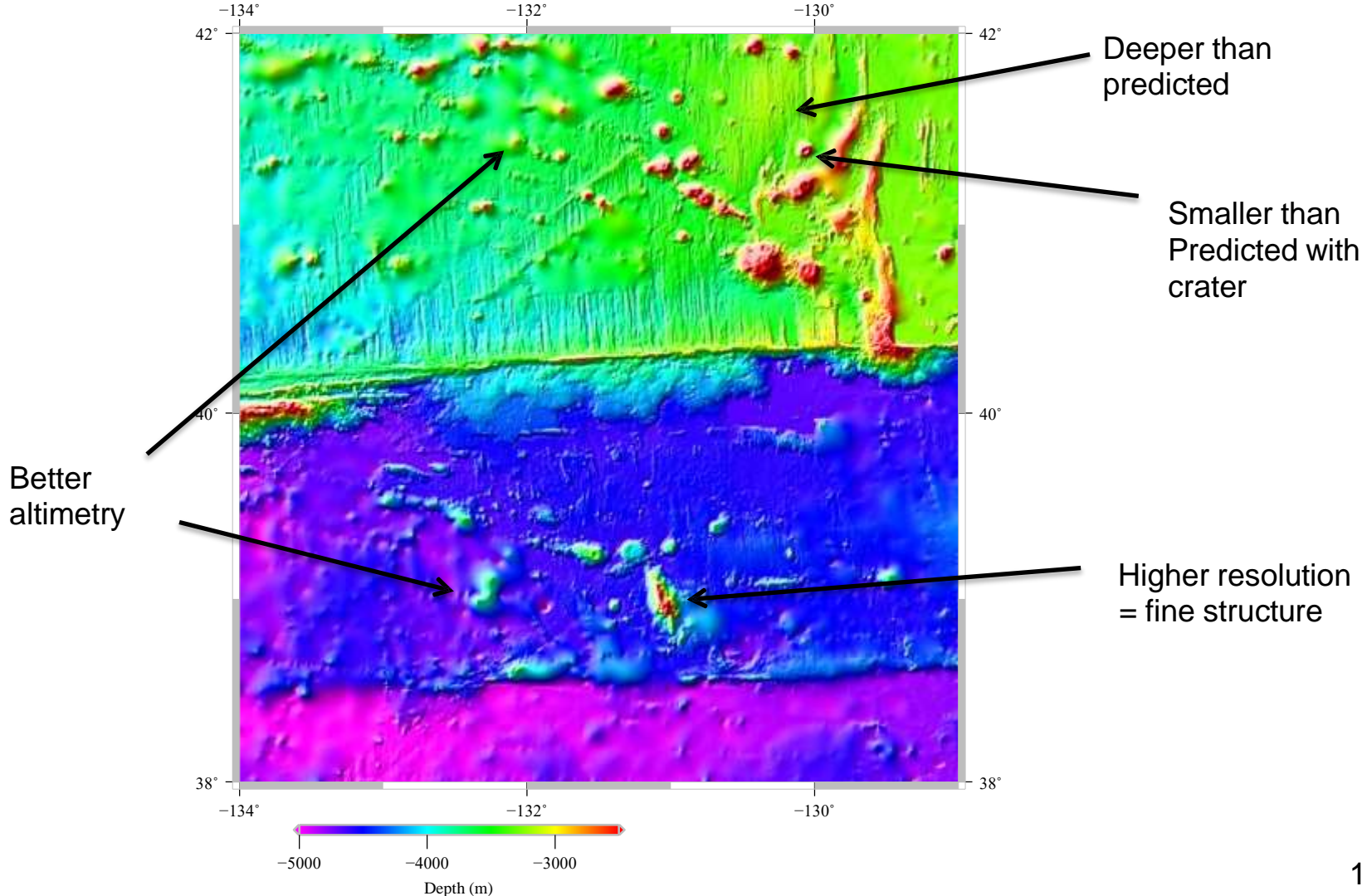


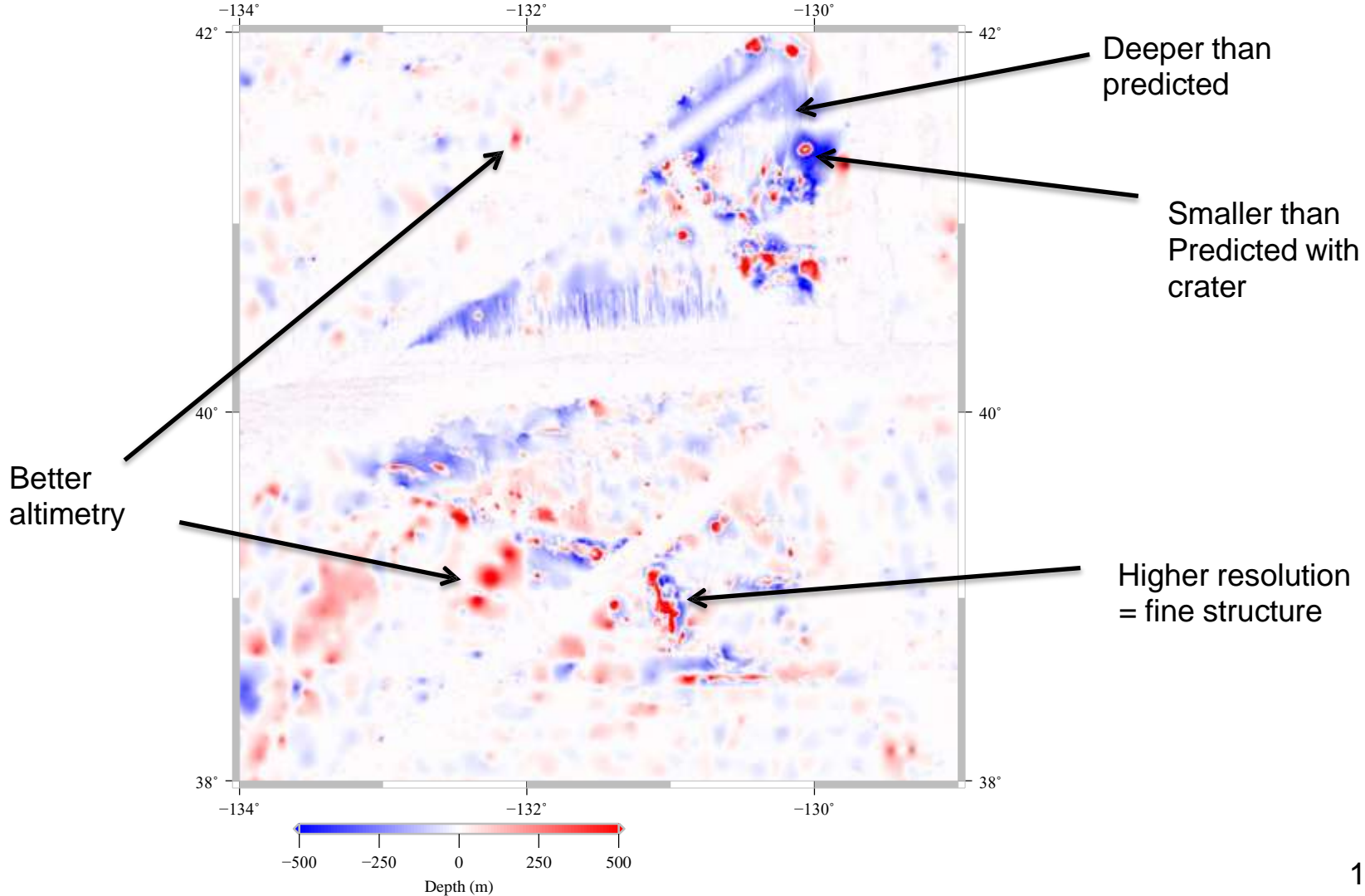
Mendocino

- Three multibeam surveys
- From **CCOM & SIO**
- Raw data
- Cleaned



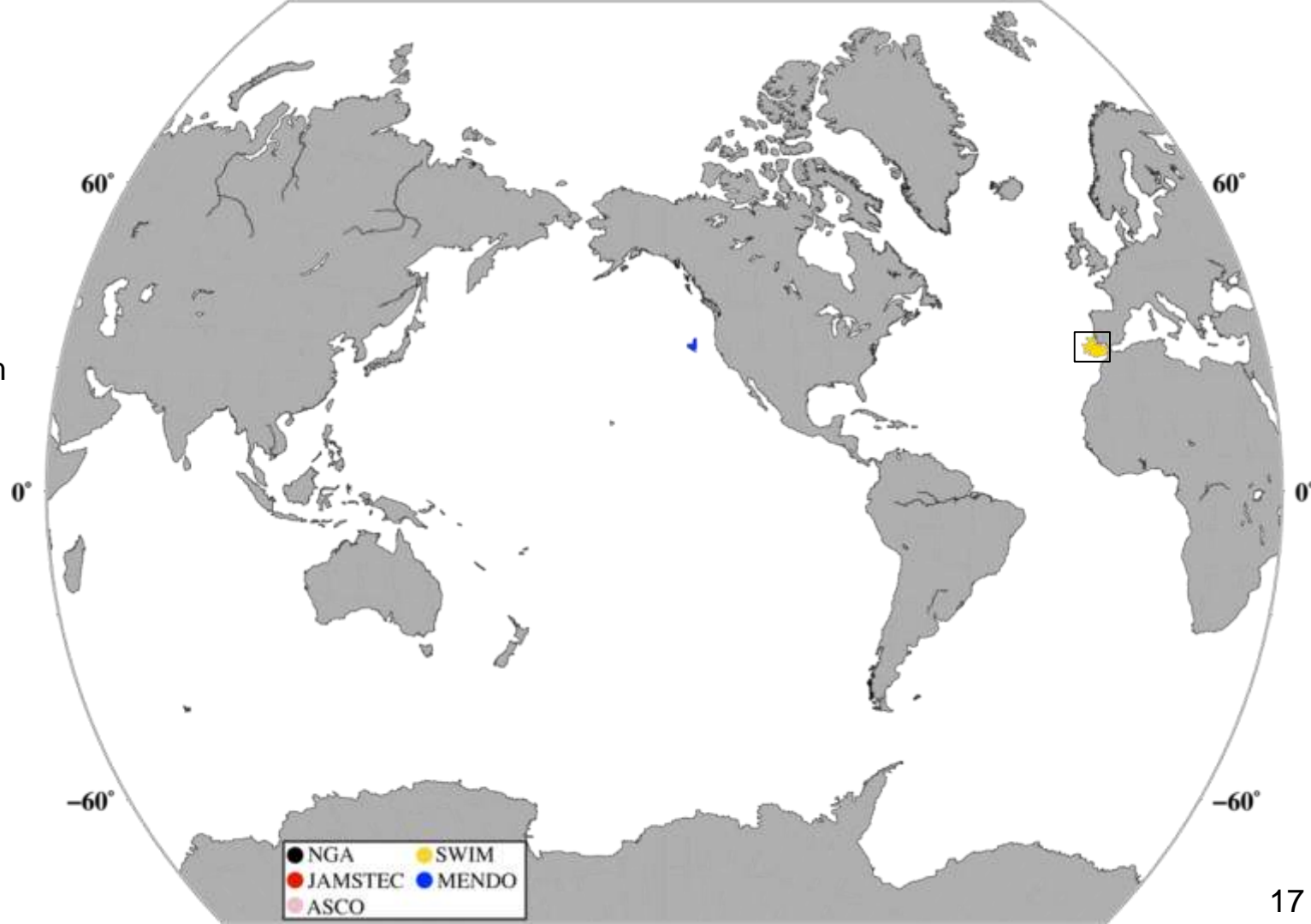






SWIM

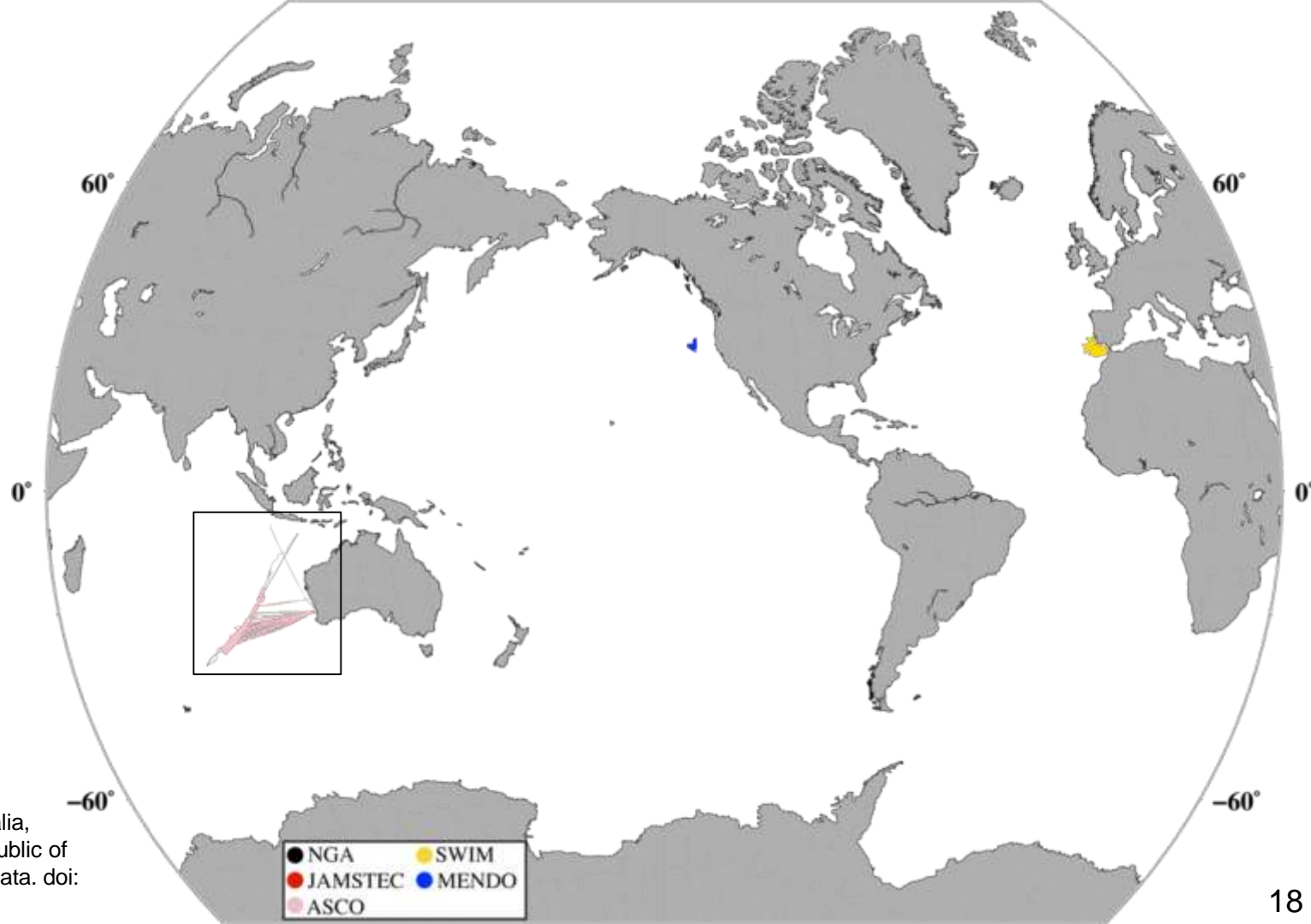
- SW Iberia
- Multiple multibeam cruises merged
- Gridded dataset
-clean



Diez et al., (2005)

MH370

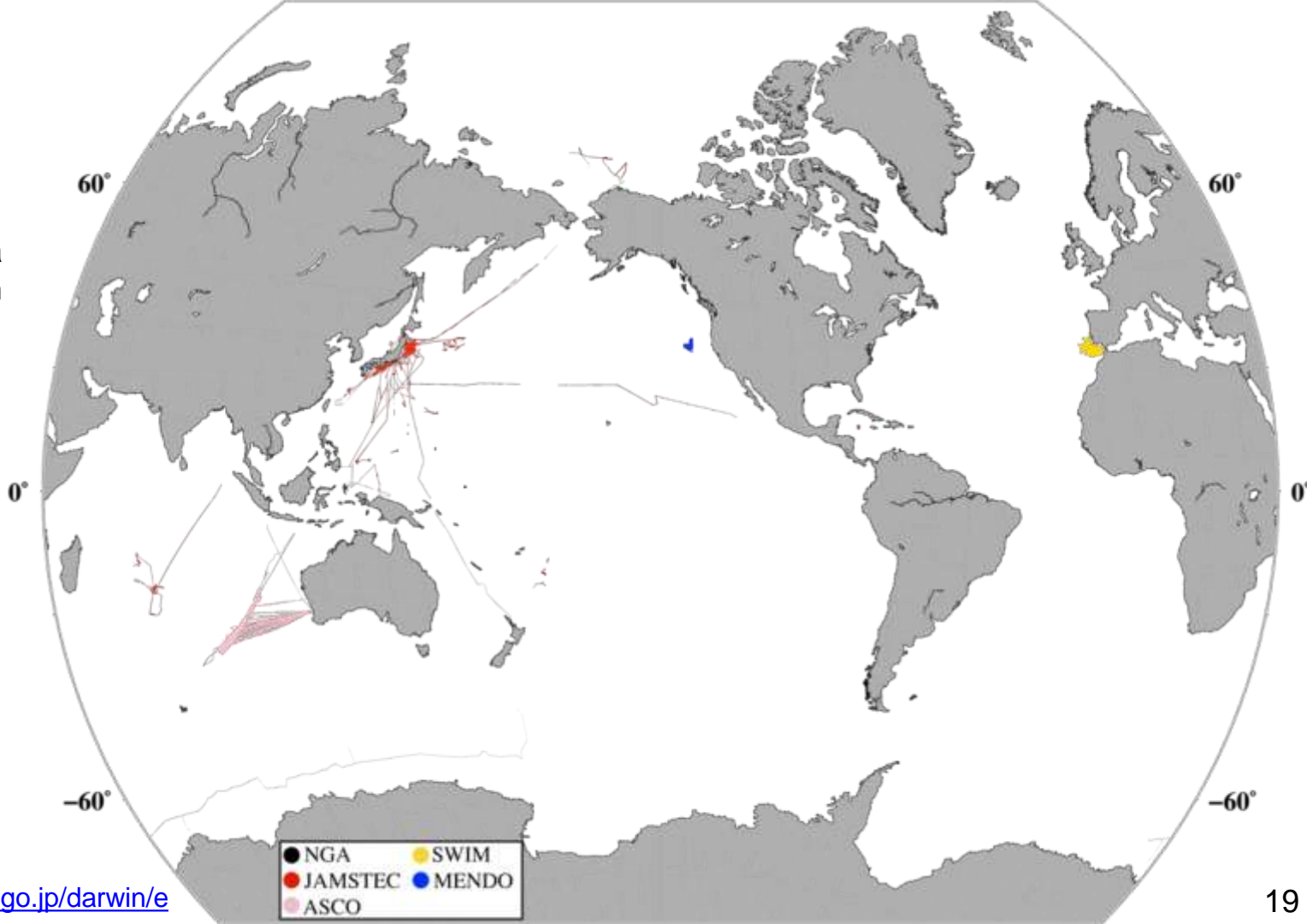
- High resolution
- ~ 278,000 km²
- Excellent quality
- No cleaning required



Source: Governments of Australia,
Malaysia and the People's Republic of
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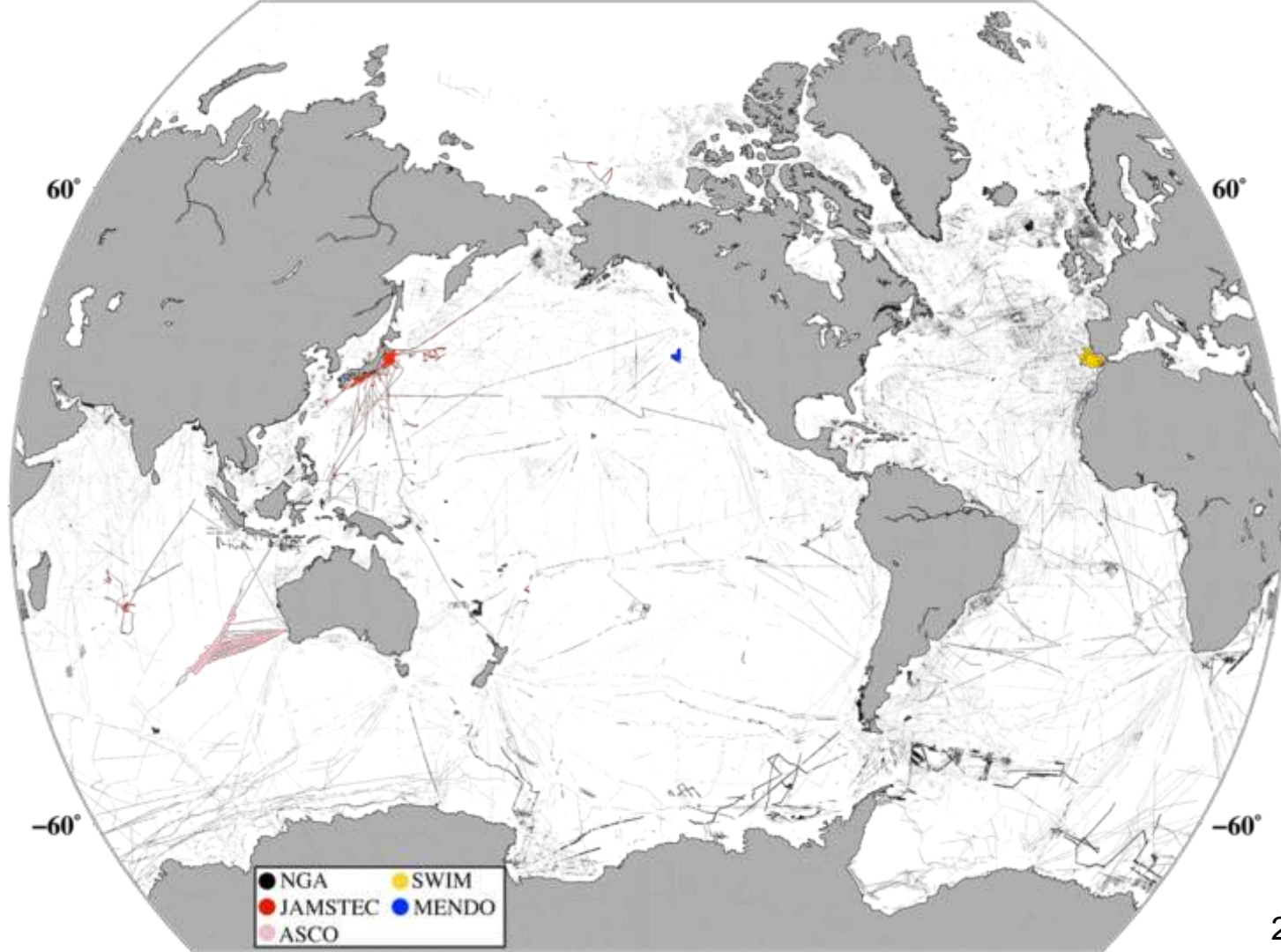
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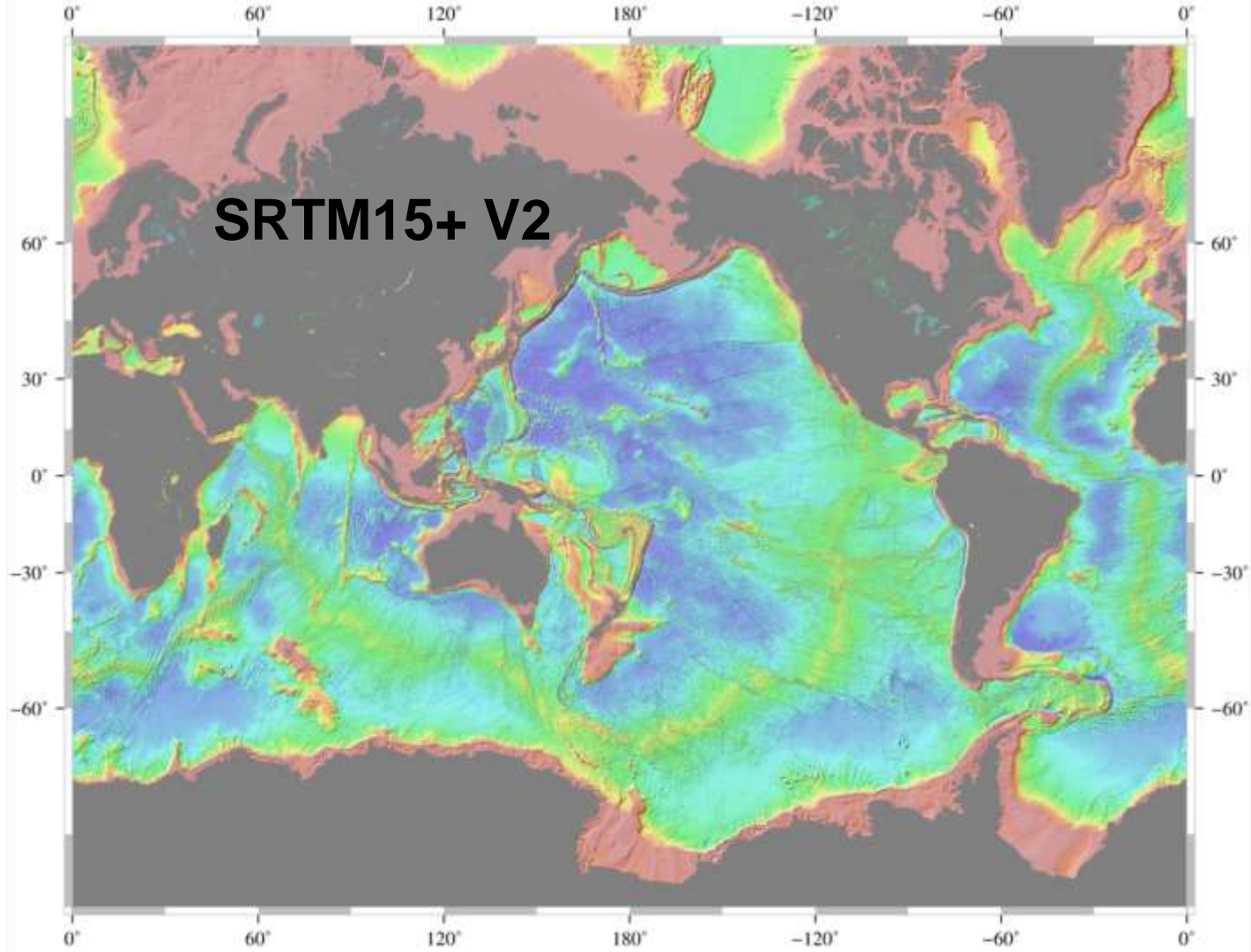
- All JAMSTEC data collected between 2014-2016
- Accessed from **DARWIN** explorer
- 25% increase in JAMSTEC data volume
- Cleaned data
 - Mostly excellent!



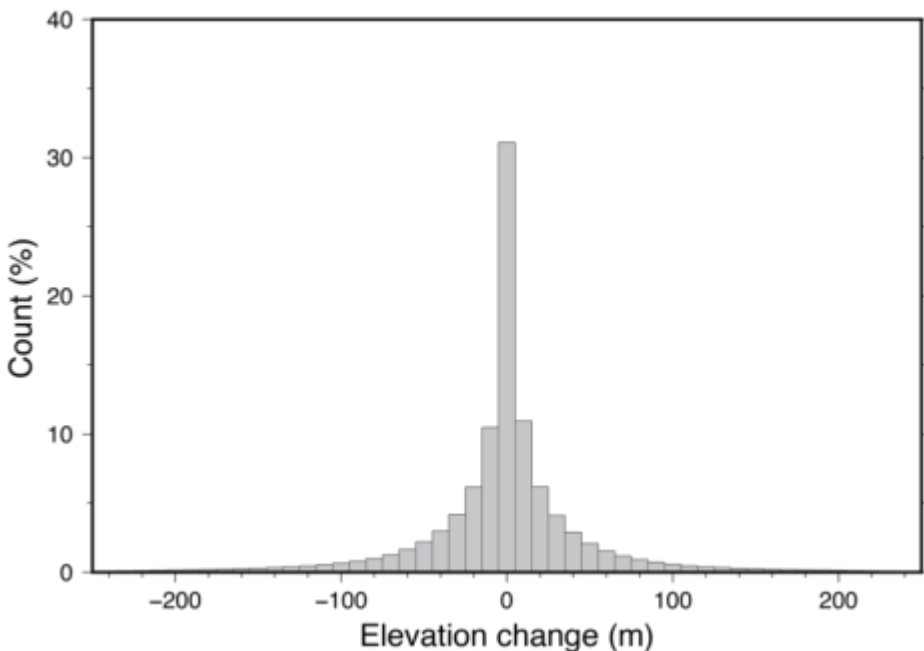
NGA

- “Unclassified” data supplied to us by James Beale (Pers comms, 2018)
- ~19 million new soundings > 2.3 km from an existing sounding
- Both multi- & singlebeam
- Mostly clean
- No Metadata

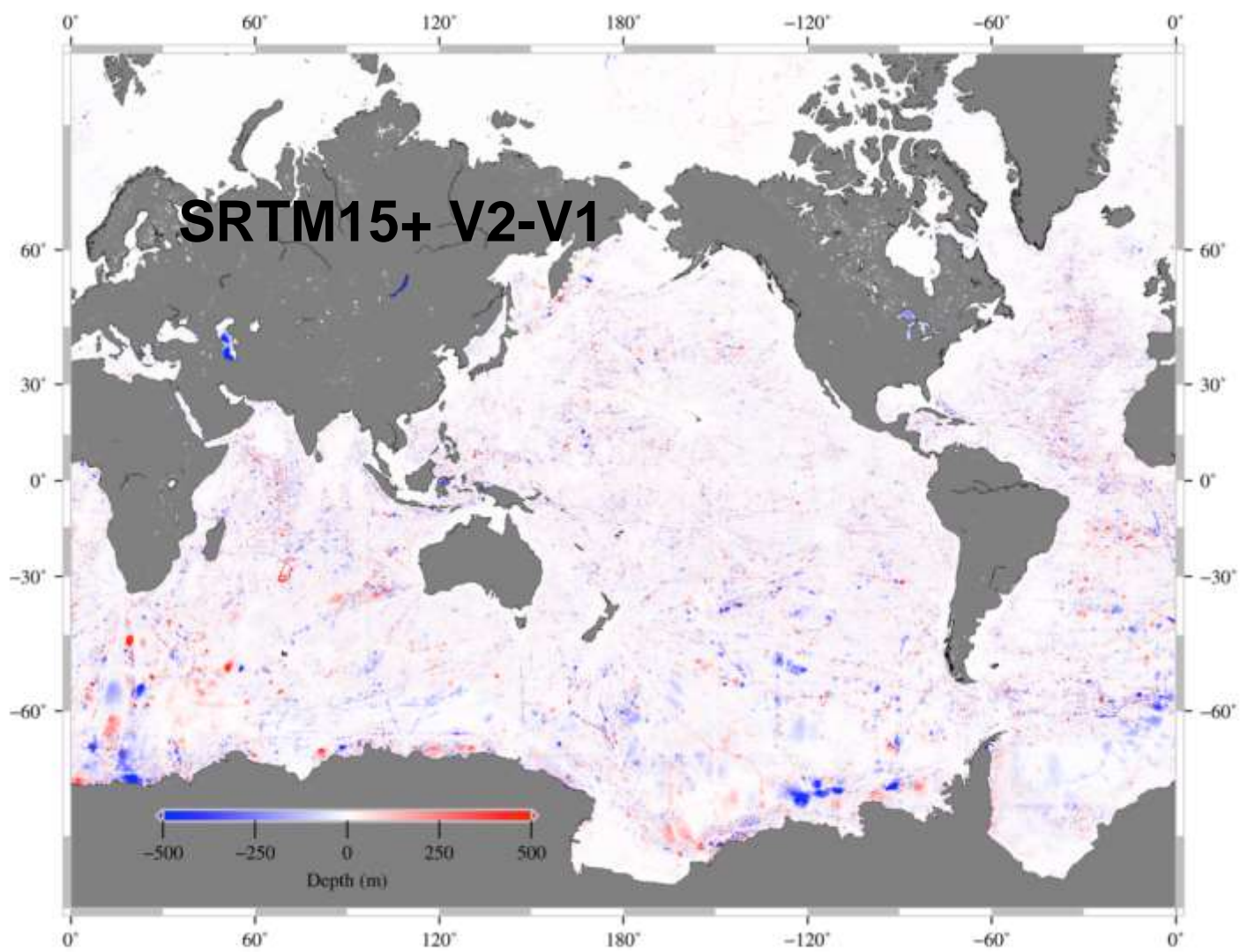




SRTM15+ V2-V1 global change



Statistic	Depth (m)
Mean	-1.83
Standard Dev.	61.8
Min/Max	-3953/3288



Future plans and integration

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- We can supply either our “polished” grid (including soundings) or unpolished (no soundings) grid
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2. Making use of our new *PSQL* database

- This contains ~490 million “data points” (15s grid cells) used in constructing SRTM15+V2
- Contains all metadata we have (usually a reference link to the source)

Future plans and integration

3. Adding additional multibeam data into SRTM15+V2

- If you have any publically available bathymetry data that you think we may not have included and would like to share – please let us know!

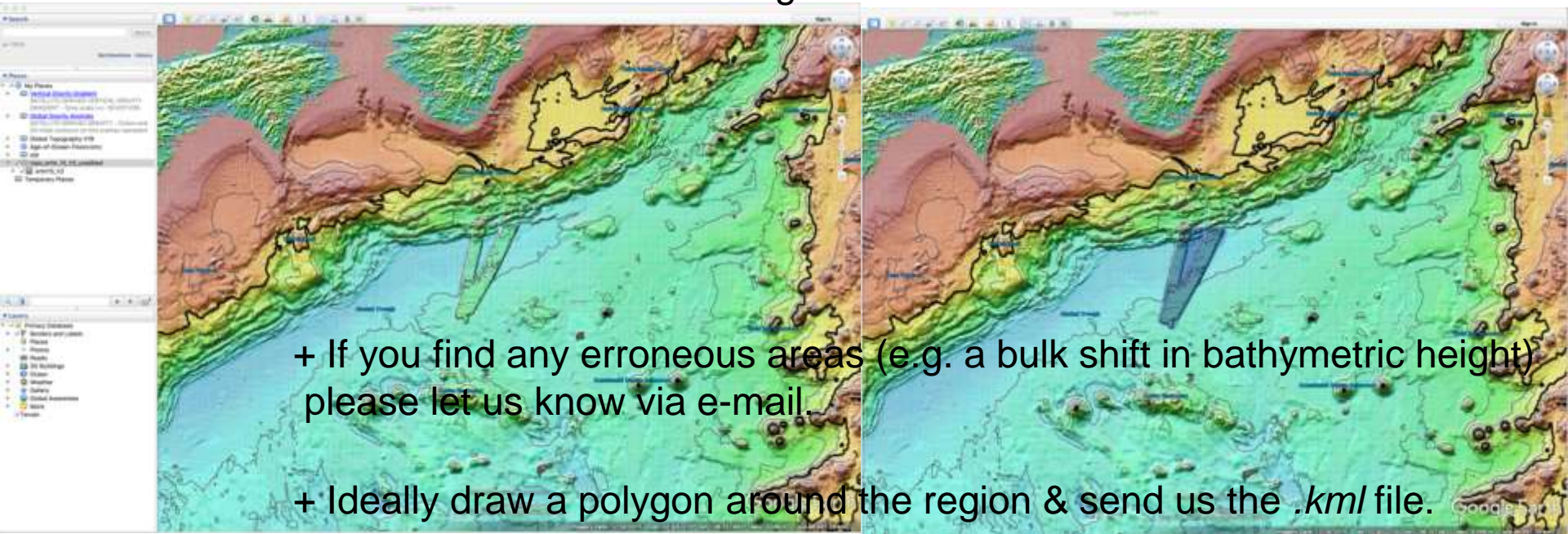
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4. SRTM15+V2 *crowd sourced* cleaning!

- A Google Earth .kmz file of our latest (draft) SRTM15+V2 grid is now available at: <https://topex.ucsd.edu>
- If you're feeling generous.... please download it and take a look.
 - + If you find any erroneous areas (e.g. a bulk shift in bathymetric height) please let us know via e-mail.
 - + Ideally draw a polygon around the region & send us the .kml file.

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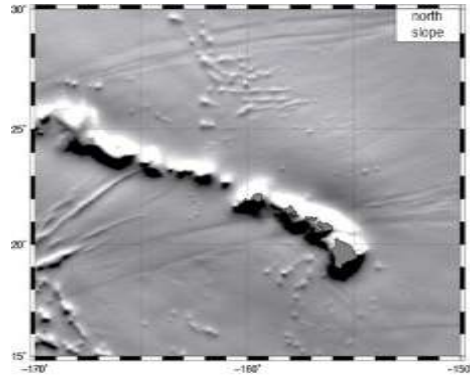
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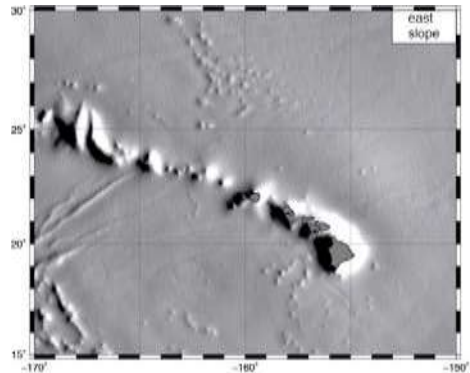
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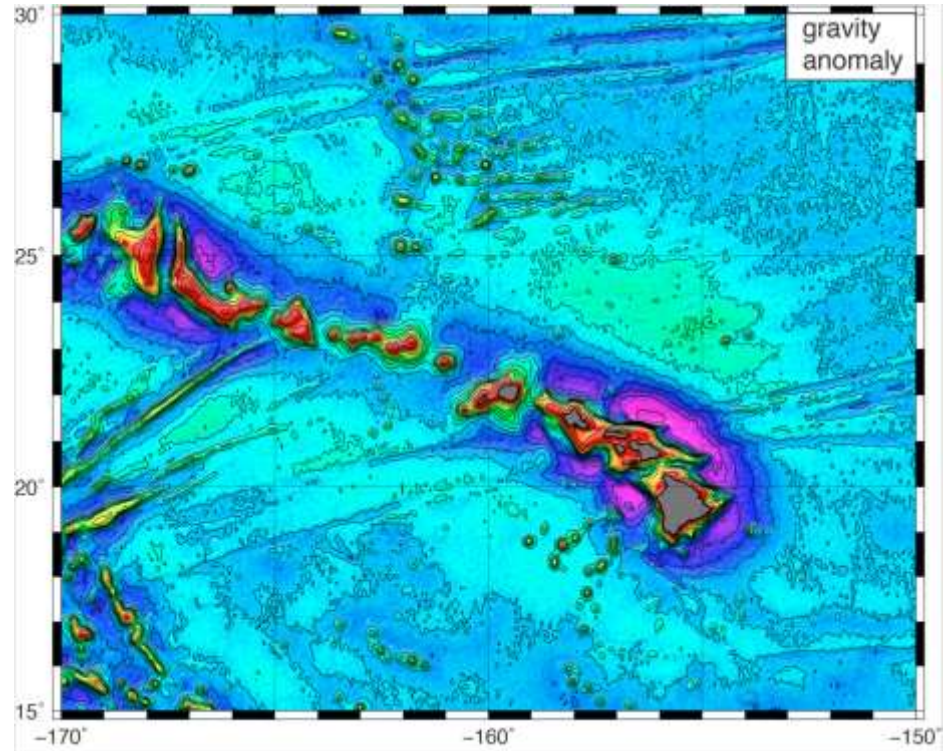
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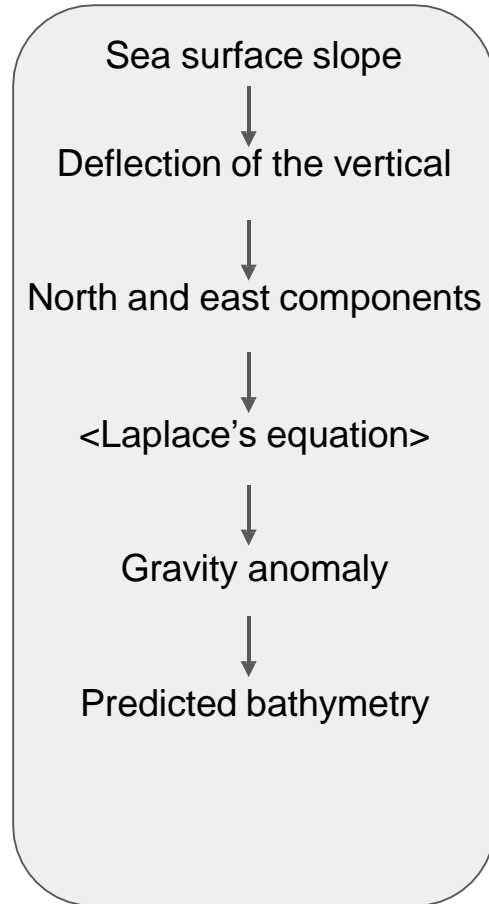
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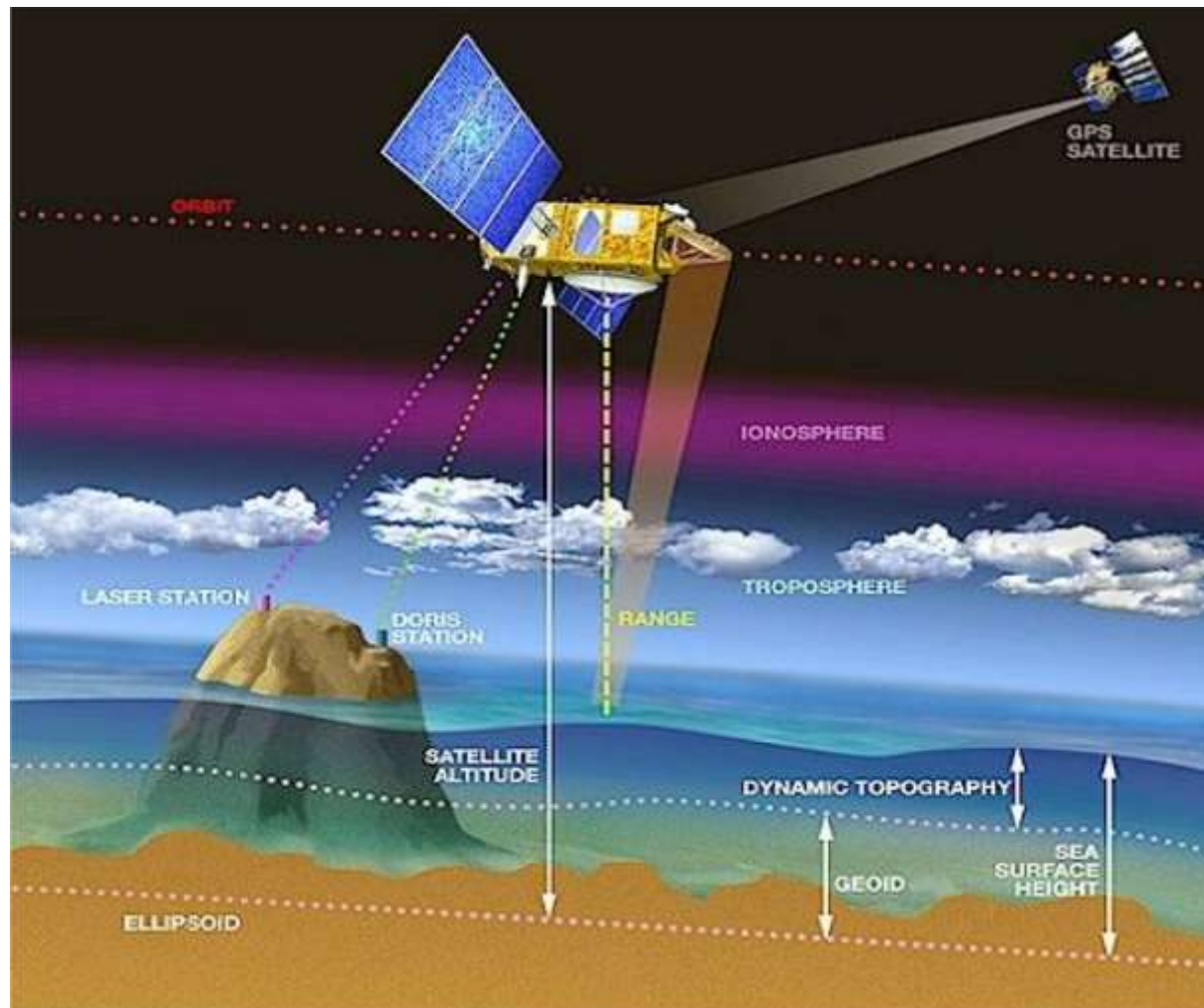


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